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British Bombers Attack French Channel Ports

Boulogne and Calais Pounded; Vivid Flashes Seen From English Coast

London, Feb. 24.

BOULOGNE and Calais were singled out for heavy air raids by the Royal Air Force last night when bombers soared over the French coast for many hours, dropping various types of bombs, the Air Ministry announced today.

The attack on Boulogne was the 74th raid on the German invasion base thus far and was believed to have been even heavier than the continuous bombing of Calais, which was attacked for the 61st time since the start of the war. Both attacks were reported to have been highly successful.

The attacks started about 8 p.m. Through the sea haze, observers on the British side of the Channel saw big flashes in the sky, indicating that the R.A.F. had dropped the heaviest calibre bombs.

The planes attacked the Boulogne district first, then moved up the coast to Calais, where shortly before 10 p.m. three exceptionally vivid flashes—possibly as a result of dumps being hit—were seen by observers.—United Press.

German Planes Driven Off

Folkestone, Feb. 24.

British fighter patrols yesterday afternoon drove back German planes attempting to approach the British coast.

"A squadron of German fighters and fighter-bombers was chased back across the Straits of Dover this afternoon by British fighters," the Press Association said.

"There was comparatively slight activity today following Saturday's big-scale Nazi patrols, when large numbers of planes were in operation, but very few combats were observed."

Meanwhile, reports from London said that about ten persons had been reported killed when raiders dropped high explosives and incendiary bombs on a north-eastern coast town and started four fires, which were quickly brought under control.

Other raiders dropped bombs on south-eastern England and the Home Counties, but caused little damage and no casualties.—United Press.

Recent Air Losses

London, Feb. 24.

An alert was sounded in the London area last evening.

Thirteen German planes were lost over Britain between February 16 and 22 inclusive, it is officially stated. During the same period the British did not lose a single machine.

The Germans lost four aircraft on February 16, six on February 17, one on February 21 and two on February 22.

The British, however, lost seven planes over Germany during the same week.

Losses in the Middle East from February 16 to February 22 were five German planes, 20 Italian, and six British.

Two further Germans were brought down by the British Navy.—Reuter.

Famous Pub Hit

London, Feb. 24.

One of Britain's most famous public houses which was mentioned in one of Charles Dickens' novels was damaged last night by a high explosive dropped by German planes in the home counties.

The bomb blasted away the upper part of the pub, but seventy customers who were downstairs drinking at the bar escaped unscathed.

High explosives and fire-bombs were dropped on the home counties and the London area.

Night fighters went into action over the eastern and southeastern coasts.—United Press.

Earlier Damage to Berlin

New York, Feb. 24.

Damage done by R.A.F. raids on Berlin includes the gutting of the small motor department of a large electrical plant in the city area, severe damage to a chemical plant, temporary disruption of the street-car power system and hitting the Metropolitan Railway. This was revealed by an American correspondent who just returned to New York from the German capital.

The news of the effects of the night's bombardment spreads through Berlin like wildfire," he says "it would be difficult for the authorities to conceal any important damage, even though the heaviest penalties are attached to the spreading of such news.

"Psychologically, Britain scored a major point when raids on Berlin began last August. Until that point, the Berliners generally believed that the British would never be able to touch the capital. The Nazis told them so."

The correspondent adds that details of bombing in other areas of Germany are a closely guarded military secret.—Reuter.

Hitler Threatens Big Sea Attack

U-Boat Offensive Soon On Grand Scale Promised In Beer Cellar Speech

London, Feb. 24.

In March and April, Germany will launch a naval war such as "the enemy has never expected," predicted Hitler in a speech in celebration of the 21st anniversary of the birth of the Nazi party, when he addressed old members of the party at the famous beer cellar in Munich this afternoon.

After a lengthy review of the history of the Hitler movement, he stressed the insoluble union of National Socialism and Fascism.

Hitler's rostrum was on two beer tables, on which a small lectern had been placed. A single swastika flag and the "bloodbanner" of the beer-cellar "Putsch" were the only decorations in the hall. Herr A. Wagner, Gauleiter (regional leader) of Munich-upper Bavaria, opened the proceedings and Hitler began to speak at 3.15 p.m. GMT (11.15 p.m. Shanghai time).

The first part of his speech was, as customary, taken up with a review of the history of the Nazi movement and denunciation of the Versailles treaty. "I is seldom that a politician can face the same audience 21 years after he first addressed it to repeat to them the same programme he presented on the day of the foundation of the party," he exclaimed.

The speech was broadcast from all German stations and relayed to Italy, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Finland and Switzerland. Many Reich Ministers and Gauleiters were present in the beer cellar.

"I have studied the Versailles Treaty as no other man did. I have not forgotten it even today.

Paying a special tribute to women Nazis who "have always stuck to me even in bad times," Hitler said Nazi methods were unattractive to many, but "I was a soldier from the front where I had got used to a rough time."

Italy's Value

After speaking for 45 minutes, Hitler's historical review had reached the year 1923. Referring to his relations with Mussolini, he declared: "When I have chosen a man I stick to him. The bond which unites our revolutions is insoluble and it is the same with the two men. If there is a time when one of them is better off and the other worse off, the former will help the latter because it is a common enemy we are going to defeat."

Numerous British warships are tied up in the Mediterranean; numerous British 'planes are tied up in north Africa; numerous British land forces are also tied up, and it is only now that our sea warfare will start, Hitler asserted.

"We have been waiting for our new U-boats. Two hours ago, I received reports that German surface warships and U-boats had sunk 215,000 tons of shipping in two days, but in March and April a naval warfare will start such as the enemy has never expected. Wherever Britain touches the continent we shall face her.

Not Been Idle

"I have learned to wait but have not been idle during that time. Last autumn, the British said, 'if he tried to land now it doesn't matter. In the spring of 1941, Britain will win her victories on the continent.' Well, they have transferred their victories elsewhere, and we have had to run after them. But we shall find them wherever they go and strike at them where our blows will be most destructive."

Hitler finished speaking after an hour and a half at 4.45 p.m. (9.45 Tuesday, Shanghai time).—Reuter.

Germans Expected to Launch General Offensive on Britain Very Soon

Vichy Reports Invasion Attempt Probable This Month or Early in March; Preparations Grow

New York, Feb. 24.

Well-informed quarters in Vichy now expect that a general Nazi offensive against Great Britain is likely to be launched before the end of February or in early March when tides and currents in the English Channel will be in favour of such an attack to a greater extent than at any other time of the year, the New York "Times" reported.

Private advices reaching Vichy from German-occupied Channel ports continue to report that intensive preparations for an offensive are going on.

These preparations, the New York "Times" said, include construction of subterranean air fields from which planes would be catapulted against England without use of runways.

The preparations also include concentrations of an estimated 1,000 freighters and barges in invasion ports, the daily stated.

Moreover, troop movements on a large scale throughout French-occupied areas are likely to figure in the invasion projects, according to the daily.

There are even rumours circulating that the Germans are about to extend the forbidden zone to include a strip about 20 miles long in width along the coast from Dunkirk to Brest.

Meanwhile, expert opinion seems to agree that the German High Command is unlikely to seek to retrieve the situation in the Mediterranean, at least for the present time, because the Axis Powers have not gained mastery of the sea in that sector of the war.—Domei.

R.A.F. Increase Tempo of Raids In Eritrea

British Forces Drive Deeper Into Ethiopia

Cairo, Feb. 24.

The tempo of air attacks on Italian positions in Eritrea have been increasing daily, the Royal Air Force headquarters here announced today.

Bombers, escorted by fighters, have been making almost continuous raids on Gura, Keren and Asmara, the R.A.F. communique said.—United Press.

Shogali Occupied

Cairo, Feb. 24.

A combined force of British and Abyssinian patriot troops occupied Shogali, on the Blue Nile in Abyssinia, last evening.

Announcing this, a British communique says that an Italian counter-attack was repulsed, leaving over 150 dead on the field of battle, while British and Abyssinian patriot losses were slight.

Quantities of war material and many prisoners were captured when British troops occupied Jumbo, near the mouth of the Juba river, in Italian Somaliland, on Friday, it is stated.

Operations east of the river continue to develop to British advantage. A British column is moving down the Red Sea coast from the north. Reinforced by Free French forces from French Equatorial Africa, this column is making satisfactory headway, while British forces around Keren continue their preparations for the reduction of Italian positions covering the town.

Libyan Position the Same

The communique adds that the situation in Libya is unchanged.

Fires were started among forts and buildings as the result of an attack by South African fighters on Massawa aerodrome yesterday, according to a communique from the R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters.

At Burie, R.A.F. bombers machine-gunned positions east of the town.

It is now learned that as a result of an encounter near Brava, south of Benghazi, between fighters of Australian squadrons and a number of Junkers 87 and Messerschmitts 110, one Junker and one Messerschmitt were destroyed.

From all operations, it is added, one British fighter failed to return.

It is now disclosed that the Free French forces which have arrived in Eritrea include detachments of the Foreign Legion. Gen. Catroux, Commander-in-Chief of the Free French forces in the Middle East, left Cairo by plane yesterday to make an extensive tour of inspection of the area in which Free French troops are fighting.

The Free French forces in Eritrea also include infantry, artillery and tank units.—Reuter.

France May Regain Territories

Vichy, Feb. 24.

France may regain Riviera and Alpine territories which Italy has occupied since the armistice by allowing 80,000 Italians in northern Africa to flee into French Tunisia, reliable sources said yesterday.

Negotiations were said to be underway for a mass evacuation in the event the British continue west to Tripoli. Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain was reported to be acting as an intermediary between France and Italy.—United Press.

German Claims

Berlin, Feb. 24.

Several German bombers on Saturday night attacked and scored a direct hit on a British monitor in Benghazi harbour, German informed sources said yesterday. Another bomb exploded near the ship's side, they said.

One 10,000-ton merchantman also successfully was bombarded with bombs of a medium calibre, these sources stated. Other bombs were said to have been dropped over the pier and quay works.

Single German bombers attacked another Libyan harbour and hit an ammunition stock, causing a big explosion. The bombers also attacked in the same territory a troop concentration and machine-gunned lorries and motor trucks.

Two British planes were destroyed on an airfield and several hangars were set afire, the informed sources said.

On a return flight, the bombers machine-gunned camel corps and troop concentrations in the desert, they said.—United Press.

More Britons to Be Called to Colours

Age, Work Limitations to Be Less Important

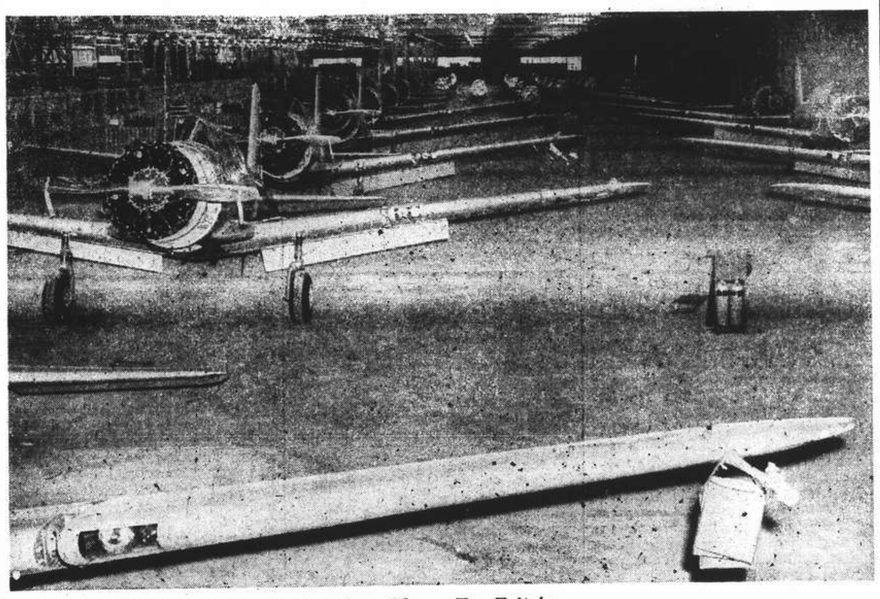
London, Feb. 24.

Thousands of able-bodied men in Great Britain between the ages of 30 and 40 years who, by virtue of their occupations, thought themselves free from service with the fighting forces for the duration of the war, will probably be called up during the next few months.

In order to maintain a constant flow of men to the colours, drastic alterations to the schedule of reserved occupations is expected to be announced this week.

The limitation age in many occupations will be raised, and some will cease to be reserved at all.

A new feature will be the "protected" workers in the more usual war work, as distinct from the automatic reservation by the new orders.—Reuter.



American Planes For Britain

A general view of the Vultee Aircraft Company's plane production line. This picture shows unfinished U.S. Army planes as they were being prepared, many of them for British defence. The photograph was taken during a strike of Vultee workers which was quickly settled. Before the settlement, union officers were to take possession of seventeen of the machines which had been completed before the strike.

German Plans for Attack on Greece Developing Fast

Ankara Reports Foresee Rapid Thrust Through Bulgaria; Fast Tanks May Be Used

Ankara, Feb. 24.

GERMAN preparations for attacking Greece through Bulgaria are going ahead speedily, according to reports reaching here today.

These reports suggest that German troops, after crossing the Danube, would move through the Struma and Mesta valleys, reaching the Greek frontier at Titula, some 75 miles from Salonika.

Bridges in western Bulgaria have been strengthened to carry loads of 20 tons, from which it is adduced that the Germans may be planning to use fast tanks, reports add.

It is considered possible that the Germans would also send troops to Slivno, south-east of Tirnovo, where they would be in the rear of the main Bulgarian troop concentrations along the Turkish border.—Reuter.

German Strikes U.S. Minister

Sofia, Feb. 24.

An unidentified German yesterday struck Mr. George Earle, United States Minister to Bulgaria, with a wine bottle in a Sofia restaurant when the band, at Mr. Earle's request, played the British World War marching song, "It's a Long Way to Tipperary."

The bottle was thrown from a nearby table and struck the American Minister on the left arm, which he lifted to shield his face. Then Mr Earle picked up an object from his own table and threw it at the German, wounding the latter's face.

Waiters expelled the German.

When he departed from the restaurant, Mr. Earle was told by a hire car driver that Germans were awaiting him. However, hire car drivers grouped around him to protect him, if necessary.

Mr. Earle had entered the restaurant with two friends. Shortly after being seated, Mr. Earle requested the band to play the British song. The band complied and many Germans hooted and catcalled at the Minister. The bottle-throwing German was said only recently to have arrived from Germany.

The Minister, in a statement on the incident, said, "I was at a restaurant tonight. Resenting the playing of Tipperary, a German threw a bottle at me. I warded it off and retaliated by injuring his features. The incident was regrettable, but I saw no other course."—United Press.

Turkey to Honour Obligations

Will Fight If Attacked, Says Foreign Minister In Public Statement

London, Feb. 24.

"Turkey will honour all her obligations and will defend herself if attacked."

This statement by the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Sarajoglu, appeared in the Turkish press today.

The Minister added that the Turkish-Bulgarian declaration of last week did not alter Turkey's policy in any way.

Turkey to Honour Obligation

"Turkey could not in any way remain indifferent to foreign activities taking place in her zone of security," Mr. Sarajoglu continued.

"Turkey will offer armed opposition to all aggression directed against her territorial integrity and independence," he added.

It is recalled that at the time of the signing of the Turkish-Bulgarian pact, attention was drawn in London to the safeguarding clause it contained regarding existing obligations. While Turkey's adherence to the treaty had never been doubted in London, it is added that M. Saracoglu's re-affirmation of the policy of Turkey, will have an excellent effect.—Reuter.

British Envoy in Ankara

Istanbul, Feb. 24.

Sir Reginald Hoare, former British Ambassador in Bucharest, has left here for Ankara.

Sir Reginald, who is on his way to Egypt, is expected to remain one day in the Turkish capital as the guest of the British Ambassador.—Reuter.

This Week Expected to Prove Fateful for Bulgaria

German Invasion Next Week Foreseen by "The Times"; Soviet Speech Awaited; Penetration Suspended

London, Feb. 24.

ALL indications are that this may be a fateful week for Bulgaria, the "Times" states. Reports from Sofia state that while the German penetration has temporarily stopped, preparations are being made for further penetrations next week. German troops began crossing the Danube at several places on Friday in the vicinity of Russe and Mikipol, a Sofia message states today.

These groups are reported to be numerous, but on Saturday the German penetration stopped, and even the pontoon bridges were lifted.

No reliable information can be secured of the reason for this sudden postponement of German action, which had already been begun.

Communist sources declare that the Germans are waiting for the speech on foreign relations of M. Molotov, Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, which is expected to be made on Tuesday in Moscow.

Much Speculation

Some diplomatic sources in Sofia, however, are inclined to believe that the Germans are making another "propaganda campaign" in order to bring pressure on the Greeks before actually marching into Bulgaria.

In general, the plans of the Germans indicated that they hope first to produce a "silent occupation" without "officially" announcing their arrival.

Signposts with indications in German have now been placed on the principal Bulgarian roads leading south.

Railway stations have also many group "instructors."

Large quantities of beans, potatoes, bread and wine have been ordered for the next week at several strategic points in Southern Bulgaria, which is taken to mean that by that time the Germans are expected to have crossed the Balkan mountains.

Once Bulgaria is occupied, these reports from Sofia state, the German High Command will have to decide what are to be its operations against Greece, and whether it need operate against Turkey and Yugoslavia as well.

Meanwhile, in Sofia the arrival of German forces is awaited with nervousness mixed with a strange feeling of relief that the crisis is at last drawing to an end.

The war of nerves has been successful in Bulgaria. It has almost paralyzed independent political thinking and has brought on a state of complete apathy with many influential political figures.

Occupation Resented

It is more than obvious that the occupation is resented by an overwhelming majority of the population, including the pro-axis elements.

Referring to the reserve troops which have been called up, a former Bulgarian minister of the interior M. Bad Itwen, protested to the Bulgarian Parliament last week against the mass mobilization, saying: "Arms are now being given to future revolutionary armies."

He was not exaggerating the seriousness of the situation, reports from Sofia say.—Reuter.

British Envoy Flying To Hongkong

Chungking, Feb. 24.

Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, is leaving Chungking tomorrow by aeroplane for Hongkong.—Reuter.

Matsuoka Talks on "Mediation"

White Race Must Cede Oceania Eventually to Asiatic People

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Foreign Minister, today said that his "memorandum" to Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, was without any conncetion with Germany and reference to mediation was merely a side issue.

Mr. Matsuoka also commented on Russo-Japanese relations, advocated that Oceania was an ideal region for Asiatics and said that Franco-Japanese economic negotiations were progressing.

The Foreign Minister repeated explanations regarding the message which had been given earlier today by the Vice Foreign Minister, Mr. Chuichi Chashi. Mr. Ohashi said that main part of the message was Japan's denial of aggressive intentions to the south.

Clarification

Mr. Matsuoka, however, added that in the event that imagination was stretched, then his memorandum might possibly be interpreted as a proposal for mediation in the European war.

Mr. Matsuoka made these statements in reply to Mr. Sekijiro Fukuda at a session of the House Accounts Committee. Mr. Fukuda asked for clarification of the reported misunderstanding over the Foreign Minister's message to Mr. Eden.

The Foreign Minister said, "It always has been my pet theory that Oceania, which is 1,200 miles north and south and 1,000 miles east and west, must be made a place for the Asiatic peoples to migrate.

"This region has sufficient natural resources to support 600,000,000 to 800,000,000 peoples. I believe that we have a natural right to migrate there.

Must Cede Oceania

"While it is difficult to conduct actual political affairs according to the advocated ideals, I believe that the White race must cede Oceania to the Asiatics."

Although Mr. Matsuoka declined to reply to interprellations regarding details of the Japanese and Indo-Chinese trade negotiations, he said they were making the anticipated progress despite the "delicate connection" with the peace conference because both negotiations were being simultaneously conducted in Tokyo.

He pointed out that settlement had already been reached on the vital question of rice supply to Japan from Indo-China because of Indo-China's understanding of Japan's position and acceptance of Japan's requests.

He added that both sides were making utmost efforts to effect a successful conclusion to the negotiations and thereby rectify the past unsatisfactory points in their economic relations.—United Press.

U.S. Production Seen By T.U.C. Official

Will Not Be Effective Until September

London, Feb. 24.

That it would be at least September before Britain found American production effective from the British point of view, was the opinion expressed by the Secretary-General of the Trades Union Congress, Sir Walter Citrine, who has returned to London after a three months' tour of the United States and Canada.

When he first reached the United States he would have said June, but he was satisfied that the first estimates were too optimistic and the problem not realized as deeply as it was now, Sir Walter declared.

He believed that by September, British and American production would considerably overtop German production. The peak of American production would not be reached until the middle or end of 1942, he added.—Reuter.

U.S. Moves in Pacific Said Not Alarming

Admiral Toyoda Belittles U.S. Strengthening Of Defences; Warning Sounded by Mr. Ohashi; Japan Declared in Advantageous Position

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

DECLARING there was nothing alarming in recent United States moves to strengthen her Pacific defences, Vice-Admiral Teijiro Toyoda, Vice-Minister of Navy, reassured the Diet today that the Japanese Navy was prepared to meet any situation which may arise in the Pacific. Vice-Admiral Toyoda made the statement at the Deficit Committee meeting of the Lower House, replying to an interpellation by Mr. Koichi Seko.

The latter described the recent United States action strengthening Guam defences as a bold step aimed at encircling Japan.

"For the purpose of strengthening Pacific defences of the United States, the House of Representatives recently approved a US$240,000,000 appropriation bill now being considered in the Senate," Vice-Admiral Toyoda revealed.

"Of this amount only about US$4,000,000 is expected to be allotted to strengthen defences of Guam," he added.

"One should not regard this as constituting a threat to our defence. The Japanese Navy has taken all things into consideration and is already carrying out its own plans," he declared.—Domei.

Advantageous Position

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

Mr. Chuichi Ohashi, Foreign Vice-Minister, today warned that Japan at present was in advantageous positions in every respect and "with a strong army and navy." Therefore, he said, Japan was capable of executing her diplomacy.

He sounded this warning in connection with Japanese mediation in the Thailand-Indo-China dispute and Japanese negotiations with the Netherlands East Indies when he responded to questions at the afternoon session of the Lower House Deficit Bonds Committee.

"There is no reason why Britain and the United States should object to Japan's mediation in the dispute between Indo-China and Thailand as well as the Japan-N.E.I. trade negotiations," he said.

Close Watch

"And," he added, "in this respect, the Japanese Government will closely watch Anglo-American moves."

At the morning session, when he also substituted for the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, he said that mediation was a side issue resulting from Mr. Matsuoka's reply to Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary.

British circles, it was recalled, had claimed that Mr. Matsuoka in his note to Mr. Eden had offered the services of Japan as a mediator in any conflict anywhere in the world.

The main part of Mr. Matsuoka's message, Mr. Ohashi said, was Japan's denial of aggressive intentions to the south.

The Vice-Minister said Mr. Eden had made a "proposal" to Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Ambassador to Britain, regarding reports which had reached Britain from Japan concerning a southward move and which were "played up" in the British press.

Real Purpose

Mr. Matsuoka had replied, he said, through Mr. Shigemitsu and denied what was purported to be Japan's aggressive attitude toward the south and added that the objective of the Tripartite Pact was to prevent "a further spread of war."

Mr. Ohashi said the Foreign Minister had told Mr. Eden Japan desired if possible to contribute towards ending hostilities throughout the world, pointing out the mediation of the French Indo-China-Thailand dispute was an expression of such a desire.

However, Mr. Matsuoka made no mention of a mediation offer in the European war, Mr. Ohashi said.

He added that Japan would make a strong effort toward ending the Sino-Japanese hostilities as soon as possible.—United Press.

Thai Armistice Extended

Agreement Extended to March 7; Parleys Will Continue in Tokyo

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

Another prolongation of the armistice agreement between France and Thailand by 10 days, ending March 7, was announced in a joint communique issued by Japan, France and Thailand through the Information Board this evening.

Since the armistice agreement between France and Thailand was due to expire shortly and further points regarding the border dispute remained to be cleared, extension of the armistice was necessary, the communique declared.

The communique revealed that since the third informal meeting of the delegates on February 7, the Japanese mediators had held individual meetings with both the French and Thai representatives.

Today's informal meeting at Foreign Minister Matsuoka's residence—fourth since the conference opened at Tokyo—was held in an "amicable atmosphere," according to the announcement.

The joint communique released by the Information Board announced:

"With regard to the conference for the mediation of the Thai-French Indo-China border dispute, following the second informal meeting when a public announcement was recently made, the third informal meeting was held at the official residence of the Foreign Minister February 7.

"Since then the mediators have held negotiations individually with the French and Thai delegates.

"In view of the fact that the period of cessation of hostilities between France and Thailand has only a short time left, and moreover, there are some points requiring further consultation, the Japanese representatives as mediators, requested the French and Thai delegates yesterday to prolong by 10 days, ending at noon March 7 according to Japan Time, the period of cessation of hostilities, which request was accepted.

"The fourth informal meeting was held today from 5 o'clock to 6.50 o'clock in the afternoon at the official residence of the Foreign Minister.

"The meeting was attended by Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka, and Mr. Hajime Matsumiya, mediators, Secretary-General Ototsugu Saito, and several assistants to the Japanese mediators; M. Arsene Henry, Mr. Rene Robin, delegates, and three assistants for France; Prince Vanvaidyakara Varavarn, Mr. Phya Sri Sena and Mr. Phra Silpa Sastrakom, and two assistants for Thailand.

"The conversations were held in an amicable atmosphere."—Domei.

Negotiations Continue

Saigon, Feb. 23.

Well-informed circles here today categorically denied that the negotiations in Tokyo in connection with

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Thailanders Determined to Win Out in Peaceful Negotiations or in War

Siamese Flag Will Soon Fly Over Mekong River Ports, According to Optimistic Thai Sources

Bangkok, Feb. 24.

The Thai flag will soon fly over the French Mekong river ports of Savannakhet, Vientiane and Thakhet, either as a result of diplomatic action or from continuation of the present Thai offensive into the "revisionist" provinces of Laos and Cambodia, authoritative Thai sources claimed today.

The Thais hope that the Japanese mediation between French Indo-China and Thailand at Tokyo will bear fruit, but if not, they are ready to take action.

Throughout the current dispute, the Thai army anticipated a French offensive and made its preparations accordingly. It was only after considerable "retaliation" by both sides that the Thai army launched its overland invasion. Thai military quarters, however, admit there is always a possibility of a French invasion of this country.

Difficult Terrain

Military activity along the jungle-lined Mekong, however, is difficult. On the French side of the sluggish river the double barrier of the mile-wide waterway and the low range of mountains behind seems calculated to discourage any attempt at invasion. On both sides, the vine-tangled jungles are penetrated only by deeply rutted cart tracks and a few narrow roads form an effective barrier to any but the most determined incursion. In addition, the high, steep banks of the river itself make an attack difficult.

Because of the natural difficulties in warfare along the Mekong front, military officials expect little further action there. Only the more strategic river ports have been fortified and the narrow military road connecting those ports is being rapidly improved. All other Mekong towns are guarded only by small bands of police, armed with rifles and machine-guns.

Towns Evacuated

Most of the villages and towns along the Mekong have been evacuated. Nakorn Phanom, the first Thai city bombed by French planes, was the first evacuated and no civilians are permitted into the city except by permission of the military. The same is true of Mukdahan farther south, where French artillery has done extensive damage to government buildings. In Nongkai, in the north, evacuation was left up to the discretion of the civilians. Most of them evacuated voluntarily, after a heavy bombing.

On the other hand, the governor of Ubol, which is about 30 miles from the frontier, ordered shopkeepers who evacuated from the town after a series of French bombings to return or forfeit their right to carry on their businesses within the city in the future. All of them returned.

Military posts along the Mekong frontier are fed from concentrations in two cities—Udorn in the north and Ubol in the south. Both of these towns are railheads. Their important position in the military set-up of Thailand apparently has been recognized by the French. Both cities have been bombed several times.

[United Press.

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Menzies Calls for "All-out" Effort

Empire Told Second Best Not Enough to Win War; "Time is Our Ally"

London, Feb. 24.

"The Empire must be 'all in': our second best will not win this war."

These were the keynotes of a speech broadcast by Mr. R. G. Menzies, Australian Prime Minister, from London last night.

"The British Empire and the United States," Mr. Menzies continued, "are, in the vital matter of war production, only beginning, while Germany must already be feeling the strain, which will not be sensibly diminished by making slaves of Italian factory hands after the collapse of the Italian military effort. Time, provided we use it day and night, is our ally."

Addressing the people of Britain, Mr. Menzies said: "You must never think yourselves to be alone. Speaking I am sure not only for Australia but for the whole British Empire beyond the seas I say to you—we are in this most holy war with you. Everything that we have of manpower, treasure, skill or determination is pledged to work and fight for you and with you until final victory is attained and a better and more just day dawns for the world in which our children will live."

The Australian expeditionary force, Mr. Menzies declared, was already an army corps of four divisions and corps troops. Thousands of men had already made their just blows heard in Rome, and desired only to deliver them at Berlin. Thousands of young Australians, entering the air war with their brothers from Britain and the Dominions, were destined to see the Empire the just mistress of the air. "Above all inspired by the splendid example of the King and Queen, your spirit and ours is not merely defensive. It is not sufficient to avoid defeat. Between the powers of darkness and the powers of light, there can be no compromise. It is no twillight world that we are seeking," Mr. Menzies added.—Reuter.

Defence Programme Lags in U.S.

Plane Output Declared Only 900 Monthly

Washington, Feb. 23.

A report on the present state of the U.S. defence programme was published today by the Foreign Policy Association.

"The defence programme," the report stated, "seems to have made slow progress if present production is considered. While Germany produced 3,000 planes per month as an average, plane production in the United States has barely reached 900 per month, over half of which are pursuit planes. However, one must distinguish between the planes destined to the Royal Air Force and those remaining in America. The production of bombers in particular is lagging. The manufacture of engines and propellers could not keep up with the production of fuselages, because lack of aluminium and magnesium delayed the output."

"These aspects of the defence programme however, should not obliterate the fact that real progress is being made in the plants which constitute the huge munitions industry in this country," the report concluded. "In 1941 and 1942 the defence programme will start bearing fruit and the production of planes in 1943 will be several times what it is today."

The report estimated that the production of planes would be doubled by the end of this year.—Havas Telemondial.

Attempted Kidnapping Of Prof. Woo Shiu

"Blacklist" Educator Foils Attack

A gang of four kidnappers, one a foreigner, attempted to adduct Prof. Woo Shiu, of the Chenan Uiversity last night, but were foiled by their victim, who bravely resisted them until an alarm was raised. The attempted crime took place on Connaught Road near Ferry Road at 4.10 yesterday afternoon, when Professor Shiu, who is on the Nanking blacklist was returning to his home from the college.

The gang jumped out of a motor car, licence number 10350, and tried to force the professor to enter. He noticed that one of these men was a foreigner, although he was not able to given an exact description of him to the police. Shiu, seeing that none of the men were threatening him with pistols, resisted all attempts to make him enter the car, and called for help. A number of pedestrians heard his shouts and ran to the scene. After struggling for a few more seconds kidnappers got into the car and drove off towards Ferry Road.

A C.P.C. arrived on the scene a short time later, but by that time the car had driven out of signt.

Kobe to Spend Millions On Air Raid Defence

Tokyo, Feb. 23.

The Kobe authorities have decided to spend some Yen 3,000,000 on air raid defence in that city, according to the Kobe "Shimbun". Semi-permanent air raid shelters will be erected all over the city, the dugouts to be used in peace-time to store important commodities. Each household will be advised to keep their treasured possession in a single bag or chest in order to avoid confusion in case of emergency.—Havas.

Japan's Foreign Office May Be Reformed

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

A fundamental reform of the Foreign Office's administrative functions is under consideration in order to eliminate sectionalism and bring about unification among various bureaux, Mr. Chuichi Ohashi, Foreign Vice-Minister, stated today before the Deficit Bond Committee of the Lower House in reply to an interpellation.—Domei.

British Fighters Break Nazi Raid

Aboard British Battleship, Feb. 24.

Fleet air arm fighters, taking off from an aircraft carrier, yesterday broke up an attempt by German dive bombers to smash a British supply convoy in the Mediterranean escorted by the Fleet. One Heinkel was shot down and a second was severely damaged. — United Press.

Major Test Looms For Aid Bill

Isolationists Gather Forces to Put Through New Amendments

Washington, Feb. 24.

Congressional observers declared yesterday that the first major Senate test of the lend-lease bill would occur this week when Senators voted on an amendment forbidding the despatch of American troops into foreign wars.

The amendment, presented by Senator Allen J. Ellender, Louisiana Democrat, apparently will win the support of all non-interventionist sentiment.

Senator Hiram Johnson, California Republican and strong isolationist, challenged the Democratic Party leaders to accept the proposal as a "test of the Administration's sincerity."

"If the amendment is defeated," Senator Johnson said, "it means that Administration forces are intent to get the United States into war with men."

He said that unless such restrictions were embodied in the lend-lease bill it "may be only a few days" after enactment of the measures until the nation is at war and "war certainly means the end of American Democracy."

Administration leaders indicated they were opposed to the amendment.—United Press.

Fast Action Expected

Washington, Feb. 24.

The United States Senate will today begin the seventh day's debate on the Lease and Lend Bill for aiding Britain, and there is every likelihood that the Senate will pass the measure, at the latest, by the end of the week.

There are indications in Washington that Administration leaders are preparing for quick action after the Bill has received final Congressional approval.—Reuter.

Alfonso's Condition Still Grave

Members of Royalty At Bedside

Rome, Feb. 24.

Former King Alfonso of Spain was still alive at 8.30 p.m. last night, according to the physicians' bulletin, but his "condition is still grave."

Members of the Spanish royalty at Alfonso's bedside said he had listened to the radio broadcast of Premier Mussolini's speech.

Doctors appeared to be amazed at Alfonso's resistance. Cardinal Luigi Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, visited Alfonso and conveyed the Pope's special benediction and personal regards.—United Press.

Distinguished Visitor

Rome, Feb. 24.

Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, visited ex-King Alfonso of Spain yesterday afternoon. They talked for some minutes.—United Press.

Embassy Flag at Halfmast

Buenos Aires, Feb. 24.

The Spanish Embassy flag was at halfmast yesterday and a Spanish Consulate staff member said former King Alfonso of Spain was dead.

However, an investigation brought a reply both from the Embassy and Consular staffs that nothing was known except that Alfonso's death was expected.

They also declined to explain why the flag was at halfmast.—United Press.

More Australians Said Expected in Malaya

Troops Prepare to Defend Against Any Invader

Singapore, Feb. 24.

Although parts of four Malay states already possess more Whites than natives as a result of the recent troop reinforcements, more troops would arrive, authoritative quarters said today.

English, Scottish, Australian, Indian and Malayan troops and Straits Settlements' volunteers strenuously are preparing and exercising for the type of warfare peculiar to this country.

There is every evidence of harmony in all sections of the Imperial Forces. The only grumbling heard was in one of the coastal centres were the shark menace and water pollution prevented the sur-loving Australians from bathing in more than knee-depth.—United Press.

American Economists Returning to U.S.

Chungking, Feb. 24.

Mr. Laughlin Currie and Mr. Emile Despres, members of the United States economic mission to China, are scheduled to leave Chungking by air on February 27 en route to Washington.—Reuter.

Weygand in Dakar

London, Feb. 24.

Gen. Maxime Weygand, Vichy Delegate-General in North Africa, has arrived at Dakar on an extensive tour of inspection of French possessions in Africa, according to an announcement made over the Morocco wireless today.—Reuter.

Soviet Friendship Wanted by Japan

Matsuoka States Friendly Relations a Fundamental Necessity; Talks Go On

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

Declaring that the building of friendly relations between the Soviet Union and Japan is a "fundamental" necessity in solving all pending problems between the two countries, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka revealed today that negotiations for a commercial treaty were progressing.

Replying to an interpellation by Mr. Sekijiro Fukuda, in the Accounts Committee of the Lower House, the Foreign Minister disclosed that negotiations for the freedom of business, trade and residence in the Soviet Union were expected to be included in the trade conversations.

The problem of Japanese rights in Saghalien, which has been discussed intermittently between the two countries also will be studied in parallel conversations with the talks for a commercial treaty, Foreign Minister Matsuoka said.

He added, "Regardless of whether or not the trade conversations are being carried on, this negotiation will be continued."

Expressing the desire to work for the solution of these problems, Mr. Matsuoka stressed "After all the building up of friendly relations is a fundamental condition. If this is brought about, the problems will be settled too."

Necessary Adjustments

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

The fundamental principle of adjustment of general relations was necessary in order to create a friendly atmosphere between both nations, to which end Japan would redouble her efforts, the Foreign Minister said.

In the event this would be effected, the settlement of other long pending issues, such as the protection of Japanese concessions in north Saghalien, would be settled, Mr. Matsuoka said.

He made this statement in reply to an interpellator, Mr. Sekijiro Fukuda. Mr. Fukuda asked Mr. Matsuoka questions regarding the policy under which Japan would conduct the Soviet-Japanese trade negotiations.—United Press.

★Thai Armistice Extended

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the Franco-Thai dispute had been broken off.

For this reason, these quarters added, it is but natural that the present situation should hold the attention of the civil and military authorities in Indo-China.—Havas.

French War Preparations

Saigon, Feb. 24.

French Indo-China Army authorities have cancelled the leaves of all officers and men and ordered them to return to their regiments, Japanese sources said yesterday.

The action was said by these sources to have been the result of a meeting on Friday among high Army officials, who decided to renew preparations for war in view of the coming expiration of the armistice agreement between Thailand and Indo-China.

Meanwhile, Vice-Admiral Jean Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China, who has been here on a regular winter visit, was planning to return by plane to Hanoi today.

Japanese sources said Admiral Decoux expected to transfer the Army's General Headquarters from Hanoi to Saigon and at the same time to shift the South Indo-China Army Headquarters from Saigon to Cambodia to organize new defencive measures.

Troop trains were said by the Japanese to have been moving towards the Thai border since Saturday.

A French cruiser sailed from Saigon yesterday and two others left on Saturday, apparently headed for Siam Bay, the Japanese reports said.

Civil and military authorities generally said they hoped differences between the two countries could be bridged before the armistice expires.

They were giving the situation very close attention, however, and indications were that they would be prepared for military action should a stubborn stand by Thailand prevent a successful signing of the peace.—United Press.

Rice Agreement

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

An agreement of views was reached between Japan and France for Japan's purchases of rice from French Indo-China, and the agreement was already being carried out, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka announced at the committee meeting of the House of Representatives today.

"Economic relations between Japan, and French Indo-China hitherto had been unsatisfactory in many points," Mr. Matsuoka revealed, but he added that "negotiations at Tokyo between Japan and France regarding Indo-China are being continued in a spirit of mutual concession and conciliation in efforts to fulfil each other's needs."—Domei.

Red Army Celebrates 22nd Anniversary

Moscow, Feb. 24.

The Soviet Red Army celebrated the 22nd anniversary of its formation yesterday.

The occasion was marked bp a speech by General Tyulerev, Commander of the Moscow military district, in which he extolled and outlined the progress made by the army.

Various new military appointments were also announced, and foreign military attaches were entertained by the Soviet Chief of Staff at the official residence of the Foreign Commissar.—Reuter.

Oshima Sees Ribbentrop

Salzburg, Feb. 23.

Lieut.-General Hiroshi Oshima, Japanese Ambassador to Germany, called on the German Foreign Minister, Colonel Joachim von Ribbentrop, at the latter's country home for a prolonged conference.

Details of the conversations between the two diplomats were not revealed.—Domei.

Giant U.S. Bomber on Way to Britain

New York, Feb. 24.

A giant Consolidated bomber, the first of 26 ordered by Britain, has been delivered to Canadian officials after a secret flight from New York, it was announced today.—United Press.

Huge Forgery Plot Revealed

Over $300,000 in False Cotton Exchange Warrants Sold to Brokers

A huge forgery plot was brought to light yesterday evening when it was discovered that counterfeit godown warrants for cotton bales, amounting to over $300,000 had been sold on the local Cotton Exchange during the past few days. Detectives from Central Station arrested three men yesterday in connection with the crime, although the ringleader contrived to escape.

The matter first came out when a Japanese, Mr. D. Matchino, went to the station and reported that someone was selling forged godown warrants on the Cotton Exchange He himself had bought $26,500 in warrants from this man, and had discovered that these were worthless. Acting upon the information furnished by this Japanese complainant a police party went to the offices of the forger on Ningpo Road, and seized 33 forged documents, although the Chinese himself had already disappeared.

He is said to have conducted his sales through a legitimate broker, and the full extent of his nefarious activities is not yet known. Later in the day, when information of the fraud became known to brokers on the Cotton Exchange, Central Station was besieged by 40 or 50 of these men, and the total grew hourly, until the extent of his operations began to be revealed. It is believed that the eventual total will be well over $300,000.

The arresed men were picked up by detectives in different parts of the city. Two were runners for the forger, and the other a clerk working in his office. The ring-leader apparently established himself as a person of some importance with the brokers, living in a suite in the Pacific Hotel. Although he was only conducting the fraud for a few days, the huge sum he collected was apparently due to the confidence he inspired in buyers, and the comparatively low prices at which he offered the warrants.

★Thai Determined on Peace or War

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There are no paved highways in eastern Thailand. Only two improved roads lead from the Mekong front to the interior of the country. It would be necessary for any invading force to drive down these two highways in order to enter Thailand from the Mekong region. The most important of these is the highway running from Pakse to Ubol, where it meets the railroad to Bangkok. The other runs from Nongkai and Nakorn Phanom to Udorn, where it also meets the railroad.

Military quarters point out that if an invader successfully overcame the many obstacles in his path through the jungles that line both these roads, he would have an even more difficult time driving over the low, forested hills that lie behind Korat, whose name has been changed to Nakorn Rajasima—"The Nation's Gateway." At this city the railroad from Ubol and Udorn meet before climbing the hills into the valley of the Menam Chao Phya, in which Bangkok stands.

Thai military quarters say strong Thai forces are concentrated near Aranya, Prathet and Trat in the extreme south-eastern end of the country, where fighting was being carried on in the more tropical jungles with the malarial mosquito an added weapon in the hands of the defenders.

Any incursion in the southern region would have to follow the railroad whose head is at Aranya or the improved highway from Trat, which follows the coast of the Gulf of Siam to the capital. It is in this region that military experts expect the most extensive fighting in the event of actual warfare between Thailand and Indo-China. The Mekong barrier leaves the frontier miles north of Aranya and infrequent frontier posts mark the border at this point.

Thai military officials, however, are confident of holding the entire frontier and, if necessary, could occupy the two areas claimed by Thailand within 24 hours, if no outside power interferred with the conflict, they said.—United Press.

Understanding Said Reached

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

Despite the recent Far Eastern crisis rumours, a "mutual understanding" has been reached regarding the general situation of the trade negotiations between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies, Japanese reports from Batavia said today.

The Japanese news agency said much was expected of forthcoming meetings as a result of the "understanding" between Mr. Tutaka Ishizawa, the Japanese Consul-General, and Mr. J. W. Van Hoogstraten, head of the Commerce Bureau of the Economic Ministry.—United Press.

U.S. Fleet Move Opposed

Washington, Feb. 23.

Representative George H. Tinkham, Republican of Massachusetts, today declared that he would seek to put Congress on record as opposed to the dispatch of any United States warships to Singapore. He revealed that he would introduce a resolution in Congress tomorrow which also would declare that Congress is opposed to "intervention in wars in Asia."

Mr. Tinkham said that it was being repeatedly stated publicly that the President was proposing to send warships to Singapore. He pointed out that Britain and Japan are at present menacing each other in Asia.

"Should any part of the United States Fleet go to Singapore, such an action could not fail to be regarded as a hostile and provocative act deliberately undertaken to lead the United States into a war with Japan. Should such a war occur, it would be charged, with justice, to the United States"—Domei.

Desire to Abolish Terrorism Here

Appeal by Ministry Of Nanking Police at 76 Jessfield Road

The following statement to the local foreign newspapers, news agencies and correspondents concerning acts of terrorism committed by Chungking agents in Shanghai is issued by Mr. Li Shih-chun, Minister of Police and concurrently Director of the Special Service Headquarters of the reorganized Chinese national government, from 76 Jessfield Road.

"We must put a stop immediately to the recurrence of terrorism committed by Chungking agents for the good of the international communities in Shanghai.

"It is a known fact that Chungking terrorists have been engaging secretly in the work of assassination during the past two to three years. Such acts of terrorism have nothing to recommend themselves to the approbation of the enlightened and thinking section of the international communities in this city.

The co-existence of the international communities in Shanghai must be guided by the principles of peace and order, co-operation and mutual understanding. Terrorism has no place in Shanghai in our efforts to revive business and trade prosperity for the good of all.

"I must point out that terrorism is the most depraved form of instrument to use in any political struggle."

Reference to Bund Bank Bombing

Referring to the recent bombing incident in front of the Central Reserve Bank of China, at 15 The Bund, Minister Li said.

"In Shanghai we still find, many banks and other properties which belong to the Chungking regime. We have never tried to molest or destroy them. We have always treated such property as the property of the Chinese nation and people.

"There are also many Chungking agents in this city. We have allowed them to move freely. We have not regarded killing as an end in itself. Neither have we resorted to killing for the sake of killing. These Chungking agents are still regarded by us as Chinese nationals, so long as they are peace-loving and law-abiding citizens. Chungking terrorists belong to a different category, however.

"There are many bankers, financiers and leaders in other professions in Shanghai who had, previously maintained close relations with the Chungking regime. The are now inclining towards the peace movement. This proves beyond any doubt the latent powers and undercurrent force which the peace movement can master and thus bring the movement to fruition and final success on a national scale.

Duty to Restore Order

"It is my duty and responsibility as Minister of Police to carry forward the work of restoring peace and order and of assisting the work of reconstruction in Shanghai.

"We have shown forbearance towards the work of destruction committed by Chungking agents and terrorists in this city. We have refrained from taking any retaliatory measures, because we do not wish to destroy what belongs to the people and to the community, and thereby to aggravate their sufferings.

"Everyone now knows that the reorganized Chinese national government is now in complete control in Shanghai. The Administrative organs and the agents of the Chungking régime in Shanghai are now powerless to offer any self-protection to themselves. The authorities of the foreign concessions in Shanghai have also declined to harbour or to give any protection to illegal acts or persons in their areas.

"While taking the necessary measures to restore and enforce peace and order and of suppressing terrorism in Shanghai, I shall do everything possible to avoid taking those measures which are of a destructive nature against the interests of the Chinese people or which are inimical to the legitimate interests of foreigners in China.

"It is my sincere hope that the foreign and Chinese communities in Shanghai will co-operate with one another to complete the task of restoring peace and order and of reconstruction in this city. They shall share in common and profit by a general revival of business and trade prosperity in Shanghai.

Against Retaliatory Measures

"Meanwhile, I am doing my best to prevent retaliatory measures from being taken against the acts of terrorism and destruction committed by Chungking agents in Shanghai.

"In fact, through the acts of its own terrorists, who have thrown bombs at the Central Reserve Bank of China, the Chungking régime has forfeited its right to exercising its jurisdiction in Shanghai. Such acts of terrorism and assassination which have been committed in broad daylight are the same as acts of highway robbery and armed brigandage.

"The Chungking Government has even hired the labour of foreign publishers to instigate and incite acts of terrorism in Shanghai. The existence of such Chungking hired foreign agents in Shanghai which casts a blot upon the honourable profession of journalism, has tended to create tension and precipitate untoward incidents.

"As Minister of Police, I am unwilling that Shanghai should come under the spell of a reign of terror."

Crime Said Decreasing In France

Vichy, Feb. 23.

As a result of social measures adopted, crime in France has been decreasing steadily.

One of the most important social measures will be the change in the French jury system. Juries henceforth will be composed of six members instead of twelve, and judges will attend the juries' deliberations in order to inform the members of the penal consequences of their verdict.

Professor Locard, well-known criminologist and director of the Lyons Institute, today attributed the crime decrease to measures being taken in France as soon as the hostilities broke out. These measures, he added, had immediate results.

He stressed that the average number of burglaries fell from six daily in 1939 to six monthly at present.—Havas.

Inquest on Murdered Indian Opened

Case Remains a Mystery as No Developments Noted

A sequel to the gruesome discovery on Sunday of the mutilated body of an Indian in the wetern district was heard in the Country Hospital yesterday when an inquest was opened on the body of Baga Singh and was adjourned by Mr. C. E. Haines, H. M. Coroner until 2.30 p.m. on March 10, in H.M. Police Court after evidence of identification was given.

Mr. L. Dale registered medical practitioner and medical superintendent of the Shanghai Sanitarium Hospital and Clinic, 150 Rubicon Road recognized the body as that of Baga Singh, gateman of the foreign staff compound of the institution, 101-107 Rubicon Road. He last saw deceased alive a week ago.

No development was noted yesterday in the investigations carried out by the detectives of the Bubbling Well police station in connection with the murder of Baga Singh, who was discovered by a party of foreigners on Sunday morning some 100 yards from the Shanghai Sanitarium Hospital and Clinic at 150 Rubicon Road. The body, it was learned yesterday, will be cremated today.

Although the mutilated body of the deceased was found at about 8 a.m., it was not until 2 p.m. that the Shanghai Municipal Police received permission to remove it. Examination revealed that Baga Singh had been dead for some time and it was believed that he had been murdered at about midnight while going to the sanitarium.

Detectives on the case failed to see any reason for the crime and opined that robbery might have been the motive, although nothing was known to have been stolen. So far no one was questioned by detectives, but negotiations are going between the S.M.P. and the Chinese police for joint investigation of the case.

Captain W. H. Wilterdink Admitted to Practice

Captain W. H. Wilterdink, head of the local U.S. Navy Purchasing Office, was admitted to the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday morning by Judge Milton J. Helmick, in the presence of many local American lawyers and friends. Mr. C. S. Franklin proposed Captain Wilterdink, stating that he had passed the examining board satisfactorily. Mr. William T. Collins, Clerk of the Court, then administered the oath and Captain Wilterdink signed the register of lawyers.

Japanese Rome Envoy Goes to Berlin

Rome, Feb. 24.

Mr. Zembei Horikiri, Japanese Ambassador to Italy, left for Berlin to confer with Gen. Hiroshi Oshima, newly arrived Japanese Ambassador to Germany, on the international situation.—Domei.

Divorce Motion Granted

A successful application was made by Mr. K. E. Newman before Judge P. Grant Jones in H. M. Supreme Court yesterday for a substitution of service of summons on respondent in the action for dissolution of marriage brought by Mrs. L. S. Smith against Mr. G. L. S. Smith who was stated to be in Melbourne. The motion was granted to counsel who was appearing for petitioner in the case.

Greeks Launch More Attacks

Greater Activity Noted By Italian Planes in Albanian Front

By Reuters Special Correspondent

On Albanian Frontier, Feb. 24.

The Greeks attacked sharply yesterday in the Skumbi and Devoli river valleys, south-east of Elbasan. On the extreme right activity was confined to artillery duels.

Air activity was more marked, especially by Italian planes, which attacked Greek positions and communications.

At midday four Savoia Marchettis bombed the neighbourhood of the Florina frontier area in Greek Macedonia, far behind the battlefield.—Reuter.

Athens, Feb. 24.

Greek forces staged seven successful attacks last week, occupying strong enemy positions and taking 1,272 prisoners, including 30 officers, the Government spokesman said yesterday.

The Greeks repulsed 16 counter-attacks, shooting down six Italian planes, the spokesman declared.

In the past 24 hours action has been limited to "minor successful patrolling," he stated. Several Italian tanks were said to have been destroyed by artillery.—United Press.

Chinese Detective Shot In Bath House

A Chinese detective sergeant was shot and badly wounded in the Zang Zih bath house at 40/63 Chekiang Road last night, when two gunmen fired at him, one shot hitting him in the stomach, and another wounding an attendant. The shooting occurred shortly before 6.30 p.m., after the detective had come off duty and had taken a bath. He was coming out of a cubicle when two Chinese, who had been waiting for him, opened fire. The bullet which hit him was from a .45 calibre revolver, and penetrated his stomach, emerging from his side just below the heart. The other gangster fired a little later, but missed, and hit an attendant. This latter bullet, when examined, was found to be from a Mauser. The detective is very seriously injured, and it is not expected that he will live.

Danes Express Disgust For Col. Lindbergh

Batavia, Feb. 24.

Danes in Java have cabled Col. Lindbergh, American aviator, whose recent testimony before the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee was notably anti-interventionist, "Scandinavians used to have a good name, but you, of Scandinavian blood, have spoiled it by open egoistical sympathy with the Nazi gangsters. Therefore we Danes abroad are disgusted with you.

"A new good world will indeed arise, thanks to Britain and the United States, but never on a foundation of lies, corruption and Nazi immorality."—Reuter.

German Officials in Chicago Ready to Go

Possible Withdrawal Seen By Consulate Men

London, Feb. 24.

The German Consul-General in Chicago, Dr. E. Baer, admitted today that members of his staff were acting on the assumption that they may have to leave the United States in the not too distant future, according to the "Daily Telegraph's" Chicago correspondent.

They have been instructed not to renew the leases on their homes unless they can obtain a cancellation clause, to be effective if sent elsewhere by the German Government.—Reuter.

6,400 Tons of Aid Sent War Prisoners

Vichy, Feb. 23.

By February 22 this year over 6,400 tons of foodstuffs and clothing had been sent through the authorities in unoccupied France to French prisoners of war.

Including in the 6,400 tons were 240,000 suits of clothing, shoes and blankets, 3,285 tons of bread, 445 tons of tinned meat, 205 tons of jam and dates, 45 tons of cheese, plus considerable quantities of tobacco, chocolate, rice, games, books and medical supplies.

The Service for Prisoners of War, a Paris organization, sent 960 tons of clothing and food supplies to prison camps.—Havas.

Japanese Flying Boat On Test Flight

Yokohama, Feb. 24.

Continuing 2,500-kilometre test flights between Palau, a Japanese mandated island in the southern Pacific, and Delli in the Portuguese colony of Timor, the four-motored flying boat Murakumo of the Dai Nippon Airways Company left here 5.50 o'clock this morning on her fourth flight for Saipan.

After making a brief stop-over at Saipan, the Japanese airliner will continue her flight to Delli.—Domei.

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Woman's Page

A MAYFAIR NOTEBOOK

By PHILINE

London, Jan. 3.

Listening to Lord Woolton, Britain's Food Minister, telling our housewives what they might and might not expect to eat in 1941, I thought how very fortunate it is that our generation have comparatively small appetites. It would not be at all easy to satisfy the hearty appetites of our Victorian grandparents on wartime rations.

But we, even in peacetime, make a cult of simple food, of eating plenty of uncooked foods, of salads, in particular, and not too much of anything. Moreover, we have learned a lesson our grandparents disdained to learn: that it is better to leave the table feeling that one could eat a little more than not another mouthful.

Nothing could be more simple than the fireside suppers of sandwiches and coffee that the Duke and Duchess of Kent enjoy when the Duke is home on leave. The Duchess's cook often prepares for them sandwiches with flaked kipper and cucumber fillings, or sandwiches with soused herrings and cold cooked green peas. Brown bread is used for these savouries.

For a long time, now, a cold buffet supper, with the salad bowl as the tempting centrepiece, has been the order of Sunday evening meals for the King and Queen. The King has his favourite salad and so has the Duchess of Kent, who is particularly fond of finely shredded raw cabbage mixed with chopped celery and garnished with watercress and a sliced tomato, with a little olive oil in the dressing.

No matter how cold or how warm is the weather, the Duchess always has a vegetable salad lunch twice a week. This no doubt helps to keep her complexion so fresh and clear. In the winter, she begins with a cup of hot soup and then has a baked potato with the salad.

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Rations in Germany—and in Britain

British housewives have answered in a splendid spirit Lord Woolton's various appeals for economical buying of foods. There have been some grumblers as there always are in all countries and at all times. From a few one hears complaints, including the unfounded one that our fats ration is smaller than Germany's.

Before we go into this, it must be admitted that the importance of vegetable oils is not realized by women in this country. Housewives in France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey and other countries use vegetable oils for cooking, frying and baking. We should do the same. The situation in Germany is that the fat ration is a fraction of an ounce larger than our butter and margarine ration, but it includes oil.

Over here, certain fats, such as cooking and frying oils, are still unrationed and are generally obtainable. Bread, flour, rice, semolina and all kinds of cereals, too, are rationed in Germany, along with chocolate and honey, which comes within the sugar ration. We are able to buy honey freely.

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More Help from the Queen

It has been estimated that since the war began the King has worked on an average more than ten hours a day. On some days of crisis he has been at his desk or on the telephone from seven in the morning until the small hours of the next day. And those who have worked with him say that so conscientiously has he carried out his duties that State papers have never been a day behind, no matter how great the pressure of other engagements.

As far as I know, the Queen's daily working hours have never been counted, but it is obvious that her wartime duties are many and extremely arduous. Perhaps the most important part of her warwork generally goes unrecorded. For instance, few save those who have benefited by her practical help realize what Her Majesty has done and is still doing for the families of homeless air raid victims who have been found new homes in the country.

Not only has she provided them with furniture from her own homes, linen and clothes, but she has sent them innumerable small but necessary household requisites, such as oil stoves when electricity and gas is not immediately available, cases of soap, cereals and fruit and vegetables from the Royal estates. There is milk for the youngsters, too, supplied from the same pedigree Jersey herd that gives the Princesses their milk.

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A Thoughtful Touch

The Queen is famous for her little acts of kindness, acts which are doubly welcome in these dark days. She does not consider her self-imposed task done when her parcels for London's homeless evacuees are packed and posted. She must and does visit them to see if she can do anything else to make them comfortable; she must inquire after their health, suggest remedies for ills and try to cheer each and all.

It was Princess Elizabeth's idea to give a Christmas party this year to her little evacuee neighbours and to dress the tree with presents she and her sister had bought with their own pocket money. But the Queen added a thoughtful touch to the party preparations by preparing little boxes of chocolates and fruit which the guests could take home with them. She also superintended the baking of the party cake, made by Princess Elizabeth. It was a wartime mixture of sponge, with a chocolate coating.

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A Colour Chart Which Makes for Economy

In selecting spring colours for dress and dress accessories, the British Colour Council have wisely based their choice on those shades which harmonize with all kinds of outfits. Economy in clothes is essential, so colours which are good mixers and thus enable one hat, one pair of gloves, one pair of shoes and one handbag to do the work of two, three or four, are the right colours for 1941.

For coats, frocks and suits popular colours for the coming season will be, smoke grey, a medium flannel grey; silver cloud, pale and soft; sea mist grey, a paler version of R.A.F. blue; wheat beige, the colour of pale toast. Spring felt hats and summer straws, gloves, shoes and other accessories are being made in rustic red; shadow rose, a clear and glamorous tone; regina blue, a light navy; clipper blue, a dark shade; hazel brown; harvest brown, dark and warm.

Our manufacturers are producing new colours in knitting wools and these include shadow rose and limpid blue, a turquoise shade, both of which will tone with the new greys; and rustic red.

A Change From Knitting

The women of a southern town in Britain are helping the war effort by making camouflage nets for the army and in this way are saving a great deal of money. Over £240 is saved in the making of every 100 nets. The women volunteer for the work and find it a refreshing change from knitting. The picture shows a party of volunteer workers making a camouflage net on the pavement of the town.

In Paris, Now . . .

Women in Germany are now enjoying the sweetness of Paris perfumes. The Bourjois firm in the French capital, which was the biggest of its kind in the world, is being forced to supply its famous products to Germany. Included in these products, of course, is Chanel No. 5, a perfume invention of a Russian refugee which made £1,000,000 in sixteen years. The Russian's share from this was a contract of £5,000 a year. Chanel No. 5 was a lucky find, too, for Mme. Chanel, after which the scent was named. The great French dressmaker has admitted having made from all her varied interests the sum of £200,000 in a single year—1936.

By the way, Mainbocher, another internationally-known couturier, whose headquarters were in peacetime Paris, is now in New York where she has decided to open new quarters. Chicago-born, Mainbocher designed the wedding-dress and wardrobe of the Duchess of Windsor, launched the strapless bodice, the schoolgirl silhouette and the feminine dinner-coat fashions. Schiaparelli, also in New York, was in Paris just before the Germans entered the city. She must regret the home in the heart of Paris, she had bought only three months earlier, with its acre garden. It cost her several millions of francs.

"Extacts from a Letter"

More "Treatment for Courage" Given by Londoners

The following is extracted from an Englishwoman's letter received in Shanghai. There are so many of these letters and yet they never pall—because of the courage that sticks out of every line of them.

"I have a very nice woman staying with me now who has been in all of the worst London bombing as an ambulance attendant. Actually she was buried under debris with only her hand sticking out. She was frightened to go to bed her first night here because she has not slept in a bed for weeks. Her husband is a war fireman and they lived just beside where all the worst of the dock fires were. Gradually an organization is being built up to give these people rest in the country but the slowness in getting anything going is appalling and the only thing is to do as I am doing and that is, go ahead with the scheme and fall into line later. I hope to go to London at the end of next week to see if I can facilitate matters.

"This woman is very keen on the violin, so much so that she has made her husband learn to play the cello and although their house and some furniture they cherished has been bombed, the cello is safe even though it is in a room that has a large hole in the ceiling which shows the sky through, but this they say stops the blast and gives some measure of safety for the cello. She started learning to play the violin after her baby died some years ago and says she has had the greatest joy and comfort out of arranging concerts, etc.

"Miss Cooper is going to try and borrow a violin for her as we feel it may be a help to her, and if she wants some music you have left plenty behind. She tells me her husband has been on fire duty for seventeen hours at a stretch with bombs and fire all around and that no one could get near enough to the men to give them even a drink because of the heat, exploding bombs, etc., and they made jokes about it the whole of the time.

"Grim and Gay"

"The expression 'I could not help laughing' is continually used as they are determined to see the humour of every situation rather than be broken by the weight of it. I think I have never seen such courage.

"These particular people have got one room in their house that is habitable. They sleep in a shelter at night and use the one room when not on duty. The doctor will not let her do ambulance work any more so she is looking around for another job that requires less physical effort. The husband was a motor mechanic before the war. The first day she was here we did not get to bed until a late hour, I suspect she kept talking rather than go to bed as she was so nervous, but she has settled down and I hope by the end of her week will be able to have one or two proper nights to her credit.

"She tells me that the other day one of her friends, coming in from a first Aid Post where they had had a terrible night, said she had come across a collapsed building from which the gas was issuing from the main pipe in a huge sheet of flame high into the air. A warden was standing by with a frying-pan tilted against the sheet of flame (it was too wide to hold the pan straight) frying his breakfast sausages.

"Today is a lovely day—very welcome after the bitter cold we have had. We have got 220 evacuee children coming to Newmarket today and I am going down to help sort them out—20 are allotted to Cheveley. I believe also I am having for a week a mother and baby from London. The baby's father was an Italian and went down on the 'Andora Star.' It is nice to think that a house in the country can have its use in these times."

Our Non-Stop Knitters

Knitters are to be encouraged to further their output. Any who have a three months' non-stop record of knitting comforts for the forces are entitled to wear a special badge. It has been approved by the Director of Voluntary Organizations, is made of metal, the size of a shilling, is the figure of a lion, and it will bear the inscription 'V.W. for the Forces." V.W. stands for voluntary worker. It is expected that thousands will be issued almost immediately and that the distribution will be approved by official knitting circles.

One may be sure that scores of these medals will find their way into hospital wards, where the women patients are enthusiastic knitters. An aged patient in a big London hospital, having received a generous consignment of wool from a friend, is determined that bombs shall not ruin her war effort. She insists upon storing her gifts in several out of the way places so that it may be safe in raids. Some she hides away at the end of the hospital's north wing, some at the far end of the south wing and the rest in the middle of the basement. "The wicked Germans shan't have it all at once," she says. "They'll have to pay us more than one visit if they want to get the lot."

Save Your Hair

In British film studios there is some consternation just now because the price of hair bought in switches, or by the pound, has increased by more than 100 per cent. since the outbreak of war. The reason for this is that most of the hair used commercially for wigs and switches came from Hungary, Italy and Czechoslovakia, where peasants cut off their fine, luxuriant hair and sold it, using the money to buy their wedding trousseaux.

Since this market has been closed, hair has been at a premium, and many film producers are experiencing difficulty in obtaining it for character parts and in such costume films as the recently completed "Kipps." So, women, note! Hair is valuable and will be more so in the future.

Quite Undamaged Babies

During a recent German air raid the chapel of a North London orphanage was badly knocked about, it being situated only ten yards from the babies' dormitory. None of the children were hurt and the picture shows them as very cheerful.

Fashion Makes a Round Trip

Across the Atlantic and Back Again

Curious things are happening to fashion nowadays. In spite of the war new ideas are being poured out and are being adopted and adapted, but they only reach this country by circuitous routes. The main sources of supply are London and Paris. Paris fashions go to Berlin from there they are transmitted to the United States whence they come to this country. New designs are being made for the American market, and again they only reach Great Britain by way of the United States. But they do reach it. Indeed, many of the designs might be rather for Great Britain than for the United States, in that they take heed of a stuff shortage and proceed on more or less economical lines.

Future fashions, therefore, are more or less straight. Even where straight coats are very full they could be reduced and adapted to less fullness without much difficulty. This is not to say that the narrow, straight skirt, with the least amount of stuff in it, is, in the second year of the war, a matter of course. Fashion is more eased off than that, and straight skirts are often pleated, or the straight and narrow way is mitigated at present by little aprons, basques of some extent, pleats in front, long overblouses. All these ease off the close, narrow fit and are helpful where the figure does not bear too much tightness. There is some emphasis on skirts worn over narrow foundations. All these give a good deal of latitude, and while many people may like their skirts plain or feel that stuff is too precious to be wasted on fullness there are ways out for those for whom the pressure of war is less emphatic.

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Smooth Shoulders Again

One new feature in the newer designs is the reduction of the shoulder. Schiaparelli produced the rather Prussian-like shoulder, and her lead has been followed until shoulder-pads may be found in any sixpenny store. Shoulders are now to be smooth. They need not be without padding, since that step would be too drastic, but they are to run without a break down the arm, and their ultimate conclusion will probably be the Magyar shoulder. These smooth shoulders give a new and interesting look to both coats and dresses. Sometimes they are combined with the wide armhole, and both coats and jerkins are seen with these.

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Emphasized Hips

Hips are important. They are treated with horizontal gatherings, sometimes pulled up together front and back so that they have a slight dip. Tunics are worn over narrow-pleated skirts, which grip the hips tightly by contrast with the pleating. Sometimes there is a deep hip yoke which almost makes a packet of the hips, with fullness in the middle back and middle front and blousing above the waistline. This yoke is like a low corset, ending at the waistline. For many people the narrowly pleated short skirt will be useful with a longish fitting beltless sweater. The edge of the sweater round the hips will have a marked border. These sweaters are made of thick wool, and the sleeves are knitted without any cuffs and in one piece with the body part.

Outdoor dress by English designers for America promotes straightness, which is sometimes modified by stitching. There are some good collarless suits, buttoning up to the neck and having slightly curved seaming down each side of the jacket. These jackets are almost fitting and have two flat pockets ending at the edge of the coat. They are worn with dresses pleated in the front, with the pleating stitched down to the knees. Rather wide straight sleeves go with this suit. Two kinds of straight, long coasts are having a success. One is straight and double-breasted, being of dark wool lined with red flannel or cloth, which turns over in wide rounded revers and collar. The other spreads at the back and is single-breasted. Made of black woollen, its striking feature consists of silver buttons, which throw up the dense black. It also has wide open sleeves. There is a slight tendency to give touches suggestive of uniforms, as in the case of the silver buttons. All these fashions can be readily adapted to the exigencies of the moment, made luxuriously for foreign clients and penuriously for those to whom foreign exchange is of more moment.

As regards colouring, one movement is interesting, and that is the combination of dull tweeds with bright striped tweeds. The stripes may be used for a waistcoat and hat or cap, while the dull colouring forms the rest of the suit.

Baby's Right To Cry

Giving judgment at Clerkenwell County Court recently for a tenant whose landlord sued for possession of a flat, Judge Earengey held that the crying of a baby was not a nuisance. The judge remarked:

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Clothes For The Homeless

American Help

In a recent two weeks more than 500,000 dollars were received by the Dowager Lady Reading, chairman of the Women's Voluntary Services, from the American Red Cross for the purchase of clothes for London's homeless. In addition £5,000 for the equipment of ten war nurseries in the country has been received from the Junior American Red Cross.

Immediately the bombing of London started the American Red Cross gave generous assistance with clothes to those people rendered homeless as a result of enemy action. Now that thousands of women and children are being evacuated to the country there is urgent need for warm clothes for them, and once again the American Red Cross has stepped into the breach.

The latest gift, one of £84,000, will be spent in England immediately on coats, jerseys, woollen underwear, knitted frocks, etc., and distributed through the W.V.S. not only to Londoners, but also to other regions which are being heavily bombed and have their own particular problems.

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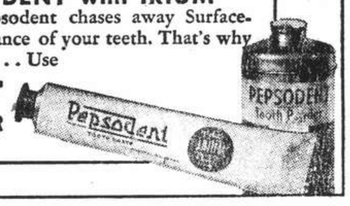

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The Russian School:
Annual Report of Accounts

To the Editor of the
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SIR,—I shall be very grateful if you will kindly publish the enclosed annual statement of accounts of the School for Russian Children in your esteemed paper.

The Board of Trustees and The Board of Management take the opportunity to extend their sincere thanks to the French Municipal Council and to all Institutions, Organizations and Individuals for their generous support.

Regular subscriptions and occasional donations included in the statement have been received during 1940 from the following School friends:

SCHOOL FOR RUSSIAN CHILDREN
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Statement of accounts for 1940

Receipts	
Balance on 1st Jan. 1940 brought forward	288.75
French Municipal Council	4,000.00
French Municipal Council Refund of taxes	1,526.33
Russian Emigrants' Committee	4,420.00
Russian Emigrants' Committee Spec. assig.	1,730.00
Associated Foreign Charities of Shanghai	2,900.00
Shanghai Race Club	1,800.00
Ministering Childrens' League	875.00
Shanghai Football Association	500.00
Ladies' School Committee	7,378.32
School friends—Donations & Subscriptions	2,587.00
Tuition and board fees	15,385.66
Sundry collections	47.05
	$43,438.11
Disbursements	
Furnishing and clothes	893.73
Heat, light, water and phone	4,659.85
Wages and salaries	14,653.98
Spec. assig. for staff from R.E.C.	1,730.00
Food	16,776.41
Books and stationery	743.72
Repairs to building and fittings	532.77
Old small bills paid	265.60
Municipal taxes	1,526.33
Insurance	105.00
Nominal rent of land	5.00
Sundry expenses	179.05
Balance in hand on 31st Dec. 1940 with Hon. Treasurer	475.62
Balance in hand on 31st Dec. 1940 with Ladies' School Committee	841.05
	$43,438.11
BALANCE ON DEC. 31, 1940	
Outstanding bills for food	$3,750.96
Cash in hand	1,316.67
Deficit:	$2,434.29

N. F. Allman $60; Mr. Aphanasieff $7; Mrs. E. L. Archibasheff $12; A. S. Astrahansky $11; Banque Belge $84; A. Blinoff $25; Dr. S. M. Blumenfeld $24; A. A. Bolotoff $35; Mrs. E. A. Bolt $48; Mr. Bulgakoff $20; J. D. Carriere $120; Mrs. A. N. Chiloff $12; L. G. Cousins $120; M. K. Delimarsky $48; Mrs. M. V. Dergacheva $9; Mrs. L. Ducimitiere $12; M. V. Dutoff $20; N. G. Dronnikoff $60; K. L. Egikoff $27; Mrs. B. N. Eppoff $20; S. S. Filimonoff $24; H. Flayer $12; Great Northern Telegraph Co. (staff) $246; Mrs. Greenhouse $90; Mrs. N. A. Heyman $12; Mrs. A. F. Heysterberg $10; A. F. T. Holland $85; M. P. Hritchatsky $9; M. G. Jakovskin $12; Dr. D. J. Kasakoff $42; Mrs. L. S. Kasakoff $12; E. Kask $45; W. King $60; King's Daughter's Society $180; L. J. K. A. Klejn $60; Dr. M. Klatchko $24; Mrs. G. D. Kosman $12; B. Krivoss $36; P. A. Laskoff $24; G. G. Larin $6; Dr. A. A. Lempert $60; Mr. Lobanoff $10; H. Loven $24; G. E. Marden $276; P. Mari $15; Dr. A. V. Marshad $36; Mrs. L. A. Misakova $10; N. F. Myers $24; Mrs. E. Nielson $40; O. Y. Ogolin $22; Omsk Kadets $35; W. W. Orlow $12; A. A. Ossipoff $12; M. J. Ostrogorsky $10; A. A. Oxiuta $20; J. M. Petroff $20; Mrs. N. J. Philippova $18; O. P. Pleshkoff $20; N. A. Plotnikoff $30; Miss A. Podiacheve $16; J. Portaria $12; V. J. Romanovsky $12; Rotary Club $150; Mrs. A. Rumberg $12; V. B. Russakoff $12; Mrs. G. A. Sapojnikoff $24; Mrs. E. A. Seniavina $12; H. J. Sheridan $180; K. Sidomanidse $12; Mrs. K. A. Sokoloff $5; Mr. Speelman $120; Mrs. T. Swan $60; H. H. Switchevsky $59; S. P. Tatarinoff $10; Mrs. Z. P. Tatischeff $5; H. Tobias $60; A. J. Toporoff $40; Mrs. Verteiko $35; F. Wiederman $12; E. S. Wilkinson $60; S. W. Wolfe $216.

A. OSSIPOFF,
Hon. Treasurer.

Shanghai, Feb. 24.

S.V.C. Orders

Weapon Training — Classification:—Rifle:—The undermentioned have classified as marksmen for Training Season 1940/41:—"A" Company.—Lieut. D. C. Palfreeman, 2nd Lieut. A. Green, Pte. J. A. Chalmers, Corpl. B. C. Allan, Pte. A. Juhl. 30 Yards Range:—The undermentioned have qualified on "30 yards Range".—"A" Company.—Privates J. A. S. Baskett, S. A. Ringer, R. A. Boothroyd, P. Rosted, I. E. House, J. de Vries.

Reversion:—C.S.M. R. G. Penfold, Warrant Officer Class II reverts to the ranks at his own request with effect from Feb. 16.

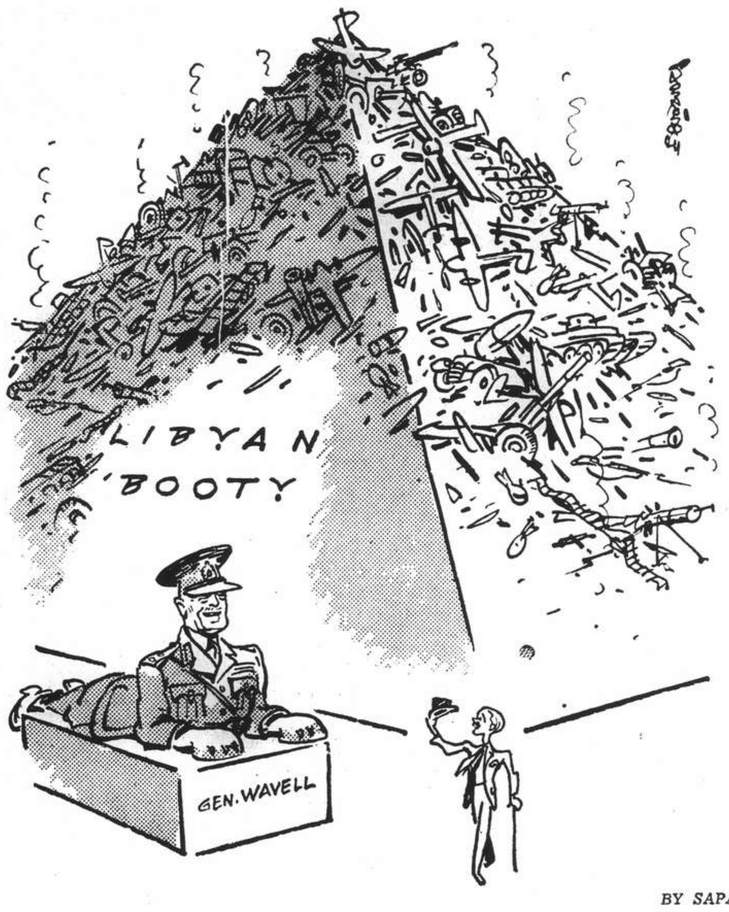
Inter-Unit Transfers:—Pte. R. G. Penfold, Light Automatic (A.D.) Company is transferred to Armoured Car Company with effect from Feb. 17. Pte. G. W. Jenssen, Light Automatic (A.D.) Company is transferred to Armoured Car Company with effect from Feb. 17. Pte. F. R. Burch, Light Automatic (A.D.) Company is transferred to "A" Company with effect from Feb. 20. Pte. J. R. Croft, Light Automatic (A.D.) Company is transferred to Shanghai Scottish Company with effect from Feb. 20. Pte. W. R. McCutcheon, Light Automatic (A.D.) Company is transferred to Shanghai Scottish Company with effect from Feb. 20. Pte. H. J. Collar, Light Automatic (A.D.) Company ("B" Cl. Res.) is transferred to Armoured Car Company ("B" Cl. Res.) with effect from Feb. 19. Pte. J. T. Janszen, American M.G. Company is transferred to American Troop with effect from Feb. 20.

Transfer—Active list to "B" Class Reserve:—Sgm. V. K. Oneschuck, Signals Company Active List is transferred to "B" Class Reserve with effect from Feb. 19. Sgt. A. B. Bowler, Armoured Car Company Active List is transferred to "B" Class Reserve with effect from Feb. 20.

Strength:—Increase:—The undermentioned are taken on the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Cavalry:—Light Horse.—Tpr. S. C. Le Poole Feb. 20. "A" Battalion:—"B" Company.—Pte. C. S. Hanson Feb. 19, Pte. R. A. Lee Feb. 19. Scottish Company.—Pte. J. A. Douglas Feb. 20. "B" Battalion:—Portuguese Company.—Pte. Alfredo L. d'Oliveira Feb. 17. Decrease:—The undermentioned are taken off the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Troops:—Transport Company.—L/Cpl. J. N. Sbath Feb. 17, Pte. R. Sbath Feb. 17. "A" Battalion:—Scottish Company.—Pte. G. Harron Feb. 15, Pte. T. J. Smith Feb. 15. "B" Battalion:—Portuguese Company.—Pte. Eduardo Marques Feb. 17. Philippine Company.—Pte. M. Sarreal Feb. 19, Pte. A. Ronquillo Feb. 17.

Leave:—Field Company.—Lieutenant G. Sinclair from March 8, to Oct. 8. "C" M.G. Co.—Liteutenant E. Brundin extension of leave from Feb. 20 to March 20.

AIR Marshal E. L. Gossage, the new Chief of the Balloon Barrage Command, is one of the few Varsity trained men among the R.A.F. leaders, Trinity, Cambridge, being his college, and Rugby football his pet game. He has a quick walk and is alert in speed and action, and a good lecturer. He knows Berlin and the German air mentality, and, incidentally, understands the Arab point of view.



BY SAPAJOU

Mr. Eden Visits Pyramids

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF FEBRUARY 25, 1871

The "L. and C. Express" announces that H. M's Government has consented to abandon for the present the intention of removing the Consulates from Formosa. This result to the remonstrances which have been addressed to the Government, is an additional proof how much influence can be exercised by merchants over the China policy of the Government if care is taken that matters shall be properly represented. The rapid extension of the trade of the island leads us to hope that this is the last we shall hear of any proposal to retire from a field which appears so promising for commerce.

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6.10 Chinese music.
6.15 News in Chinese (Shanghai dialect.)
6.30 Chinese music.
6.35 News in Chinese (Mandarin).
6.50 Light music.
7.20 Music by Russian composers.
7.30 News in Russian.
7.45 Music by Russian composers.
7.50 Light music.
8.00 Causerie by Mme Claude Rivière. Fashions in Paris this winter. The ingenuity of the Parisian ladies.
8.15 Light music.
8.30 News in French.
8.45 Light music.
9.00 News in English.
9.30 Concert:
Chamber music and modern French melodies.
Ravel: Quartet in F.; Debussy: The two lovers; Feasts of love; Duparc: Song of sadness; Invitation to travel; Fauré: At the shore; After a dream;; The roses of Ispahan; At the churchyard Milhaud: Saudades do Brazil; Gounod: Prayer; R. Hahn: Offering; Village churchyard; If my songs had wings; Prison; Lazzari: The miller's song; The Cavalier of Olmedo; Fauré: Moonlight; Ravel: Kaddish; Debussy: Second sonata.

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2.00 Czechoslovak Programme
2.30 Polish Music
3.00 Dance Music
3.30 Woman and Home
4.30 Chinese Programme in Mandarin and Shanghai Dialects, including Professor Chao Mei-pa's Musical Programme at 5.00 p.m.
6.30 News in Hindustani
7.00 Netherlands News and Commentary
7.30 French News and Commentary
8.00 News in English
8.20 "Word from England." Talk by Bernard Hale
8.30 The Old Refrains
9.00 **Relay of B.B.C. News and Questions of the Hour (Conditions Permitting)**
B.B.C. Programme Announcements
9.30 Symphony Concert
Chamber Music
Quartet ..... Cesar Franck
Piano Quintet ..... Brahms
11.00 Peter Adam's German Programme
11.30 Russian Programme
11.50 Dance Music
12.00 Relay of B.B.C. News (Conditions Permitting)

Foreign Language Broadcasts

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GERMAN.—Every day at 1.30 and 11.
GREEK.—Saturday at 1.15.
HINDUSTANI.—Every day at 6.30 except Sunday.
HUNGARIAN.—Sunday at 5.30.
ITALIAN.—Friday at 7.
NETHERLANDS.—Tuesday at 7.
POLISH.—Monday and Tuesday at 7
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SPANISH.—Saturday at 7.

French Police Report For January

Decrease in Crime Seen by Officials

The report of the French Police showed that crime had been on the decrease in January. Repressive action by the police resulted in the arrest of three gangs of kidnappings.

There were two murders during the period, the first victim being a Chinese lawyer who was shot by unidentified persons while leaving his home. In the second case, assassins chose the manager of a small Chinese bank, killing him as he was entering his car. An attempt to murder a Chinese newspaperman was also made in January. The would-be murderer, who used a knife, was arrested by the police.

Two kidnappings were reported during the month. In the first case it was the manager of a cloth shop in Avenue Haig, who was abducted from the store. He was rescued a few days later from a Chinese straw hut in Hungjao Road. Four of the gang, two of them armed with pistols, were arrested. The second victim was a merchant, who was taken away in his own car in Route Lorioz.

A boy, who had been kidnapped in December while going to school with his sister, was rescued in January in a Chinese hut in the Western district. Three miscreants were arrested. Another gang of kidnappers, responsible for the abduction of a Chinese accountant of a rice shop, was rounded up in Nantao. The victim had paid the five men $2,000 for his liberty.

Only 31 armed robberies were reported during the month and six of them were solved. Six pistols and three imitation firearms were seized. Twelve persons were also arrested for minor crimes.

Imitation Pistols Seized By Police

Twelve suspected robbers, one of them a woman, were brought before the First Special District Court yesterday for trial by officers attached to three different stations and they were all remanded in custody pending further investigations. In all, the officers found seven pistols in their possession but three of them were imitation ones.

Six of the men were arrested on the previous night in a room in the Sun Sun Hotel, Nanking Road by the Gordon Road police. Two pistols were found hidden under a sofa. Later a woman, alleged to be the common law wife of one of the men, was arrested in Tiendong Road. Three of the men were arrested also on Sunday night by the Chengtu Road police in Lungmen Road and in their possession two imitation pistols were found. The two other men in possession of the third imitation gun were arrested by the Sinza police in the New World Amusement Resort.

Suspected Extortioner Faces Court

A suspected extortioner named Kung Shih-chu faced the First Special District Court yesterday and after a short hearing he was remanded in custody pending further investigations, during which the police hope to make more arrests. Although Kung was arrested on Sunday, the case dates back to June of last year when the intended victim, Mr. Wang Yih-fang, proprietor of the Heng Feng Dyeing and Weaving Factory at 427 Ferry Road received two extortion letters.

The extortion letters demanded $10,000 and they were supposed to have been written by the "Young Men's Iron and Blood Corps." At first, Mr. Wang did not pay attention to the letters but lately the extortioners renewed their activities and communicated with Mr. Wang, again asking him to show up at a tea house in Kiukiang Road where he was supposed to pay the money on Sunday.

Before he went to the tea house, Mr. Wang notified the Louza police and in the tea house, Kung turned out to be the negotiator appointed by the extortioners, it was alleged. He tried to talk the matter over with Mr. Wang and even showed signs that he intended to kidnap his victim. Detectives who were waiting there rushed up and arrested him.

MR. K. P. Wong will speak before the weekly gathering of the Y's Men's Club of Shanghai, at noon today, Chinese Y.M.C.A., 123 Bouleved de Montigny. The subject of his talk will be "A survey of the recent trend of Shanghai stock market."

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American Music at Lyceum Theatre

Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue"; Also Avshalamoff's Oriental Idiom Studies

It appears surprising enough that composers of today should write such music as that to which we listened last Sunday, but far more surprising that a sane audience should take any delight in it. Perhaps they didn't and perhaps their reactions were those of surprise and humour. To listen to such modernistic music once is a matter of interest, but when it is dished up season after season as most of it is, it becomes very wearisome. As a change why not let us have some really modern stuff, such as our atonal enemies (they are no friends) Berg, Schönberg and Webern are producing in such an endless stream?

The other day in an article by Julius Harrison I came across a reference to the modern composer "whose sense of musical sounds has been subverted by the unhappy exigent conditions of modern life." For me that is the clue to all their perpetrations of horror. How, for example, could Riete who lives in a Fascist Italy express himself otherwise than with the ruthless murder of all consonance. Since the Fascist régime has banished decency and truth, then, perforce, must Riete in his music. And so the tale goes on.

Reflection of U.S. Life

Gershwin was an American and his music is nothing but a reflection of American life. Honegger had an incomprehensible passion for trains. "To me," he said, "they are living beings whom I love as others love women and horses." This is new to me and I am not more than passingly interested in it. Let Honegger bed his locomotive if he so wishes, but don't force me to witness the fusion of flesh and blood with high pressure steam and steel rivets. A friend remarked during the interval "Make no mistake, Pacific 231 is a very clever piece of music, but how clever only a locomotive can appreciate."

The "Rhapsody in Blue" was the best of the bunch. There seemed to be more honesty in it than in the other two works. I suspect that when Gershwin wrote it, he was only a hack and that its success encouraged him to more serious works. The programme notes were stupidly inconsistent. Gershwin, we were told, entrusted the orchestration to one Ferdie Grofe, while later the work is extolled for revealing orchestral ingenuity. If this is so, then either Ferdie Grofe should share the credit with Gershwin as joint composer or else the work shows little orchestral ingenuity apart from the usual racousness of jazz.

"Singularly One-tracked"

The second half of the programme was devoted to the works of Avshalomoff. He was new to me and the first piece seemed charming. But as work followed work came the realisation that Avshalomoff's mind is singularly one-tracked. All his works are exactly the same, with the same monotonous mode of expression and the same insipid flavour. The piano concert was far too long and quite meaningless.

Above all why combine Oriental idioms with such an artificial form as the piano concerto? I understood from the programme that he was experimenting with Chinese idioms and with the blending of Chinese instruments with the Western orchestra. The impression from his music is that he once experimented with the Western orchestra and found it could imitate the music of this country which he so obviously loves and that ever since he has continued with his first inspiration.

The orchestra had a field day. For who could say when they were right or wrong? The audience certainly could not distinguish between correct and incorrect notes, time or intonation. The honours of the day belong to Prof. Wei Chung-loh for his excellent performance on the *er-hu*, which instrument is no fit mate for the richly toned western instruments and to Mr. Singer who is surely worthy of better material.—G.H.

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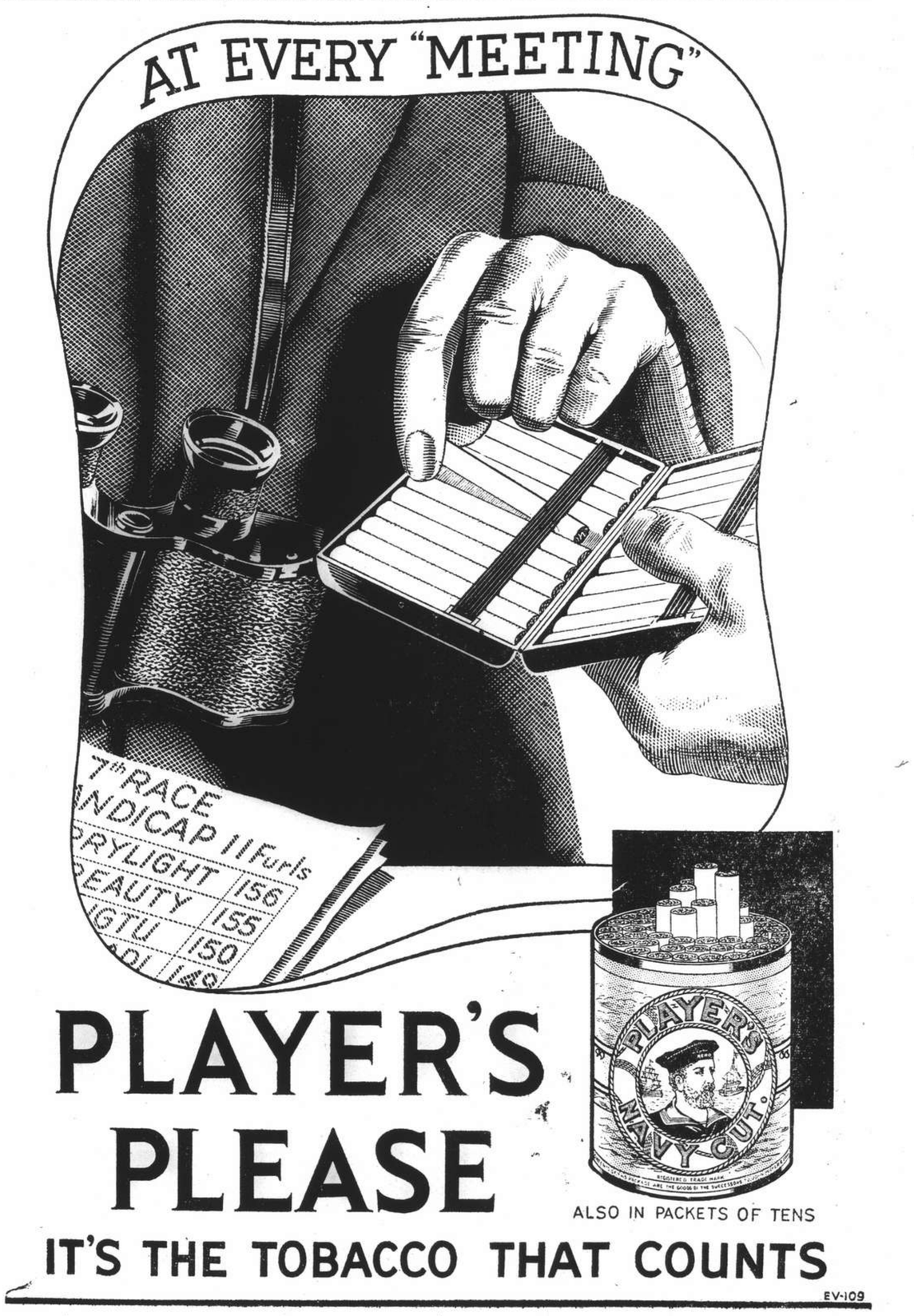

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MUSSOLINI TALKS

In some ways it is a pity that it is impossible to obtain a full account of the speech which Mussolini made on Sunday to the Fascio di Combattimenti del Urbe, for the probabilities are that, if so many significant admissions can be found in the condensed versions to hand, the full text contains a great many more. Indeed the fabricator of the "mirrors of truth" seems to have been inadvertently acting up to his self-claimed reputation for apart from the flamboyant rodomontade to be expected of dictators, who have so much to hide, there is clearly evidenced a desire to explain reverses away. Mussolini is not quite sure about how long Italy has been at war. The dates appear to vary from 1922 to 1935, but it does not matter which date he chooses for his own purposes, for it will be remembered that at one time, shortly before Hitler precipitated the present hostilities, Mussolini was busy telling the world that the preparations for a great Italian exposition to take place in 1942 was the best possible guarantee that there would be no war. Yet, now, Mussolini claims to have been fighting at least from 1935.

That, however, is merely a side issue. The important admission relates to the immensity of the effort which Mussolini planned to make in north Africa. In Libya a force consisting of 370,000 officers and men with vast supplies of war material were to invade Egypt. They made some initial progress, but have since been utterly defeated, and two armies broken to such an extent that they have lost approximately 180,000 in casualties and prisoners of war. This great force was sent to Libya on a gamble, for Mussolini admits that "soldiers who are fighting in the Empire without hope of reinforcements are those who are furthest away but nearest our hearts." He knew then, as he knows now, that there was no chance of reinforcing those troops, because the Italians did not have, and have not been able to obtain command of the Mediterranean. Then there is another admission to the effect that the British offensive which started on December 9 "forestalled us by a few days." That is a clear statement that the British grabbed the initiative, took the Italians by surprise and made great gains.

The truthfulness of the man is not, however, consistent. Despite the defeats inflicted upon his armies in Albania, Mussolini has the impertinence to tell the world that Italian soldiers in Albania are "superb and writing pages of legendary glory." In Albania, as in Libya, they hold the championship titles for cross country events, and it is quite clear that, unaided, the Italians will not be able to force their opponents to take those championships over. Then comes another admission which also reads strangely. "Since Taranto," he declared, "the course of the war has been unfavourable to us, but our strength of recovery is enormous." What was it that happened at Taranto to make it such an epoch-making date if the claims which the British made of the damage they inflicted upon the Italian Navy are not in fact true? The only possible deduction to be drawn, from what has happened, and the story which Mussolini tells now, is that the British are not the liars he claims them to be but that that particular boot so closely fits his own foot.

The only question which remains to be answered is as to why Mussolini found it necessary to make this defensive speech at such a juncture as this, with all that it so significantly admits. The answer must be that the reports of a rising tide of disaffection in Italy are in fact true, that Mussolini realized that he was being criticised by his own people and decided to make a speech calculated to disarm his critics. He stands now in a lamentable light. Unable to feed the more credulous of his people with tales of present victories,—and that is necessary for every dictatorship if it is to continue to exist,—he regales them with promises of success in the future. Such is but poor currency with which to satisfy people living on the hunger line and called upon to make sacrifices which promise no relief from present miseries. His Italian empire is fading like a mirage, his control of the Mediterranean never did exist, and he stands condemned in his own words of leaving somewhere about half a million of his people in north and north-eastern Africa unaided, and completely betrayed. Mussolini, himself admits it, and he claims to be a consistent teller of the truth.

WHAT TO EXPECT

During the last few days there have been a number of reports from south-eastern Europe of an apparently contradictory nature. On the one hand it has been made to appear that the Balkan Powers are being intimidated by Germany into falling into line with the schemes which have been devised in Berlin. On the other, there may be perceived a slight strengthening of the opposition which has up to now held up the planned Nazi drive into south-east Europe. This drive was probably originally worked out on the assumption that the Italians would be successful in their offensive against Greece. There seemed to be nothing on the books of the Axis Powers which would prove that this offensive would prove either difficult or impossible of consummation. The facts have shown that the book entries are not to be relied upon. Italy has most dismally failed in an area in which she was granted every chance of success. Italy has shown, as the proof has shown, as the proof has been reinforced by the debacle in Africa, that Mussolini is no more than a big town bully and an international bluff. Signor Gayda, the foremost of the Italian bluff-merchants, has had the impudence to declare that the whole of the retreat in North Africa was a part of a scheme to entrap the British forces in a desert area, while the Axis powers got busy on other fronts. That is to say, half the Italian troops were allowed to have been captured, killed or wounded, and huge quantities of war materials, for no other purpose than to persuade the British that they were winning. Nothing more can be said than that the British like this kind of trap.

If Hitler wants a quick decision in this war —and there seems to be little doubt that a quick decision is the only one which will do him any good—he has to attack objectives which will have a vital influence upon the well-being or otherwise of the British Isles themselves. This may be done in two ways: either by intensifying the submarine blockade, which is a difficult and costly thing to do; or by an outright invasion, which seems next door to impossible. It would appear to be almost a hopeless proposition to create a diversion outside of British waters which might seriously weaken the defences of the British Isles against invasion and at the same time enable the Axis to strike a blow in the Mediterranean which would enable them to keep the major part of the British defence forces—the Navy—engaged in duties not immediately connected with the protection of the British shores. The results of the fighting in the Mediterranean before the Nazis came on the scene, may be briefly summarized as follows: the Italian battle fleet has been crippled, since the raid on Taranto; the Italian cruiser fleet, with its great speed, has been proved to be illusory, since the sinking of the Colleoni by H.M.S. Sydney—a much slower vessel—and the Italian submarine warfare has met with only mediocre success, owing to the fact that the crews of the submarines have not got their hearts in their work.

More than half of the Italian army in North Africa has been defeated and captured, and Rome claims that the capture has been a result of a "trap." The Italian navy has been virtually put out of action as a result of the Taranto battle, and the Italian claim that they still dominate the Mediterranean, can be ignored. In Albania, the best of the Italian army has been routed by the Greeks. The Royal Air Force has assisted in this rout, but the nature of the country indisputably puts the credit for the Italian defeat down to the Greek armies. In this battle the R.A.F. have played a vital part, but the Greeks themselves have won positions against the Italians, and there can be no question as to which force the greater part of the credit goes. There remain the prospects for the future. Will Germany invade Greece, after having overcome all the difficulties of the Bulgarian terrain? It is more than possible. But if this invasion is undertaken, even with the half-hearted co-operation of certain Bulgarian elements, there can be no doubt but that the Nazis will have undertaken another task which will employ a large and important section of their army to another purpose than to prevent their adversaries from benefitting from that part of the world war. That is what is called negative strategy, and will be a proof that the Nazis are at the end of their tether so far as further embarrassment of Britain is concerned.

Spain's Position

In the present wretched condition of Spain, organized resistance to an advance of the German army, now at the Spanish frontier, would be unlikely and, therefore, if Hitler decides that such a move would be to his advantage all the Spanish protests in the world are not likely to stop him. With Italy now in a precarious position in Africa, and with the threat of resistance by the French armies in northern Africa hanging over his head, should he make any drastic move against France, Hitler must find ways and means of countering these factors. Use of Spanish territory appears to be a move that would not only give him bases from which he could ferry troops to Spanish Morocco in an attempt to overawe General Weygand and to prevent Britain from transferring naval units from Gibraltar to Ceuta or some other place on the African shore, but he would be able to use Spanish Atlantic ports to attack British shipping. An attack on Gibraltar would be a costly affair, but Hitler might try to reduce the Rock in an effort to gain control of the vital Straits and of the central and western Mediterranean areas. Against such a move, however, there are many factors today. Hitler's army is so scattered that he cannot spare more than twelve to fifteen divisions or so for a Spanish adventure. A short time ago that amount would have been sufficient, but the latest news from the Mediterranean theatre of war indicates that Britain, wise to all Hitler's worries, has greatly reinforced her forces at Gibraltar, Malta and elsewhere in that area. Any move by Hitler would find strong, well-equipped British divisions marching against him, with a splendid Navy and Air Force to aid them. And, should he manage to gain a foothold in Africa without reducing the Rock, his position would be precarious indeed. Without the control of Gibraltar there could be no Moroccan move. That the starving and desperate Spanish people would rise in guerilla warfare also seems likely if Hitler decides to enter Spain, and guerilla warfare is really dangerous to a modern army, specially if communications are cut. Considering all factors—the widely-scattered German army, lack of naval power in the Mediterranean, the strength of Gibraltar, the massing of German troops in the Balkans, where a sudden move seems to be in the offing, and greatly-increased British strength among many others, there seems to be little likelihood that Hitler will attempt a major move in Spain.

ALONG THE HIGHWAYS

Feb. 23.—Spring-like weather and recent rains have had a very marked effect on vegetation; weeds and wild flowers are growing apace while the hardy annuals are beginning to show signs of life: patches of green are to be seen on many lawns amongst the turf, causing them to present an unkempt appearance. The chief culprit in this respect is the moisture-loving clover (*Trifolium repens*). Some people encourage this plant to spread over their lawns; but we find that it requires little encouragement and we have a very poor opinion of the usefulness of this plant as a substitute for grass, despite the bad quality of turf that is arriving here at the present time. Clover is a nuisance on tennis courts, not only does it detract from the appearance of the area; but it is liable to render play dangerous, its stems and leaves are easily crushed when trodden on and they have been known to cause players to slip. Another clover-like plant (*Oxalis*) is also enjoying the Spring weather, we consider this to be even a more obnoxious weed than clover, it spreads rapidly and quickly destroys the finer grasses on the lawn. The annual low-spear grass (*Poa Annua*) is again brightening up corners of the lawn with its bright green foliage. This grass is often included in grass mixtures and it is used in some parts as turf grass. However, it is not of much use here; it dies after producing seed in early Summer and leaves bare patches on lawns just at a time when they are required to look their best, so it has to be removed together with the other undesirables and it will not be long before we shall see crowds of "weedy" women giving its removal their close attention and, at the same time, carrying on an animated discussion of local affairs and their effect on the price of rice. Weeds on lawns crowd out the grasses, they shade them from the light and rob them of food: they absorb nitrogen from the soil and, during dry spells, they transpire water at such a rate that little is left for grass roots. Many of them escape the lawn mower owing to their habit of growth and if we are to have a good lawn it is necessary for us to remove them before they have had an opportunity to cause damage.—W.J.K.

WAR FUND BAROMETER

The Voluntary War Contribution Fund has been open for 235 days and there have been 5,466 contributors. The War Savings Association has been open for 241 days and there have been 1,075 contributors. The latest totals follow:—

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Vol. War Contribution Fund	1,269.00	112,992.18. 8§
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NEW ROADS FOR DEFENCE

U.S. Army Surveying Nation's Highways

The United States Army has undertaken a survey of the highway system of the United States to determine to what extent and where new roads may have to be built to facilitate the movements of a high-speed mobile army of defence, Lieut.-Gen. Hugh A. Drum, commander of the First Army, has declared, according to the New York "Times."

General Drum declared that while the survey of the roads was still going on in other sections of the country it had been completed in the Northeast—which means New England and the New York area—and added that he had "been greatly surprised to see what little improvement is needed along the coast lines." "Of course," he added, "as much cannot be said for the interior border of the country, but, then, it is unlikely that we may have to defend ourselves along that line."

The quality and number of United States highways over which an army must be moved in the event of action was a secondary but important part of General Drum's principal concern—the creation of a "mobile ground force, divorced from territorial restrictions, trained and equipped for prompt service wherever and whenever needed." The present disposition of the Army through the country at scattered posts, camps and forts, led the general to declare that it was now "remarkably well organized to fight any number of Indian wars."

"I cannot," he continued, "emphasize too strongly that in a modern army leadership in the subordinate ranks plays a most important role. At no time has the individual soldier ever faced greater personal responsibilities than he faces today. In many respects the corporal of today requires the leadership qualities of the lieutenant of yesterday."

Making America Invincible

Making America invincible, he said, was an "all out" proposition necessitating the undivided effort of all the population and the utilization of every national resource.

In closing he listed eight precepts with the observation that "after 42 years of continuous commissioned service in our Army, I am convinced of the wisdom of these views."

They were:

"That modern warfare requires total defence actively supported by all the people of the nation.

"We must be resolute and prompt in our determination to free the defence services frome the archaic restraints of another day.

"We must be patient in the face of inevitable delays resulting from years of neglect of national defence requirements.

"We must be sound in our tactical training and emphasize that the individual soldier remains the master of the machine and that man still rules in warfare.

"We must be bold in our conception of a combined mobile ground and air unit, organized, equipped and prepared for prompt action.

"Moreover, we must see our present effort for preparedness in a realistic light—our convictions and our national spirit must begin to have effect. The fire of defence must burn in our souls—we must drive ourselves and raise our thoughts and actions to a spiritual pitch which will demand efficiency in our defence efforts.

"We must change our present approach from that of training and equipping forces, to that of preparing them for all the human problems and sacrifices demanded by actual battle. Not until such an attitude leads our efforts will the efficiency essential to modern war be assured.

"Finally, above all, we must be frank in our acceptance of the fact that America remains the only champion left on the ramparts of democracy which has all the means (man power and machinery) essential to preserve our philosophy of life."

IN PARENTHESIS

Unkind Motorists

JOE: "Whats become of the Hikers Club?"

Jim: "Oh, it disbanded. It was getting too hard to persuade passing motorists to pick us up and give us a lift."

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Misprint

THE couple in the Carroll county jail....are said to have held up Roy Dougherty, of 2nd St., Brewster, at the point of a pun.—Massillon (O.) "Evening Independent."

Did they have a licence to carry it?

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Slight Error

KIND Old Gentleman: "What is your little brother's name?"

Buddy: "His name would be Jack if he was my brother, but he ain't, and her name is Ruth."—"Grit."

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Prophetic

A SPANISH journalist at Burgos submits an article to the censor. One passage in particular worries the official.

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Department of Delicacy

THE policemen called on him to halt, then opened fire. Binso surrendered. Binso, a well dressed young man, 31 years old, refused to give police his address. He said his parents were celebrating their 31st wedding anniversary and he didn't want them disturbed.—"Chicago Tribune."

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Author

PARABLES OF OUR LORD

By the Rev. James Thayer Addison

HERE we have a small book of daily meditations for Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday. The author, who wrote The Lord's Prayer, is well known throughout the Church.—From an adv. in the "Living Church."

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On the Way

MISTRESS (to cook at 5:45 p.m.): "I know it's the third time this week, Mary, but my husband just phoned and he's bringing three men to dinner. How long will you need to get ready?"

Mary: "I'm ready now. I packed my trunk the last time it happened."

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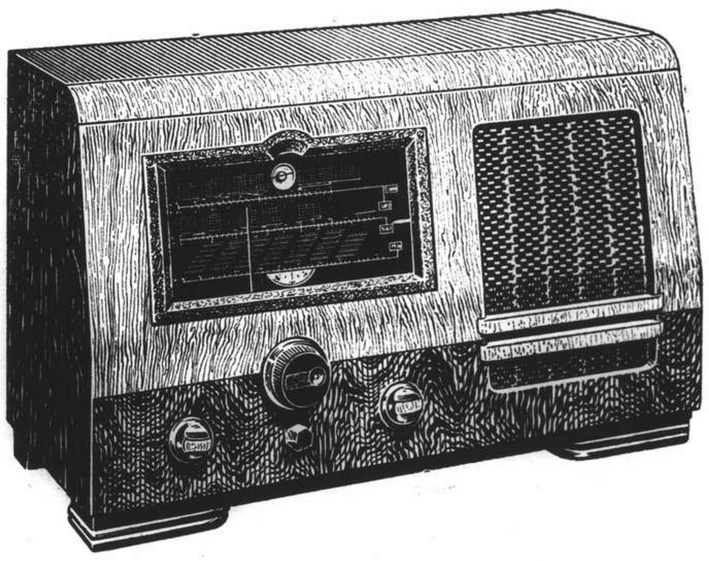

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THE SPORTS PAGE

France Meets Portugal in Cup Final on Saturday Afternoon

Portuguese Favoured to Win Despite Strong French Defence; Revived P.T.H. to Play Tung Hwa

ANOTHER trophy ownership will be decided on Saturday when Portugal, present holders, will meet France in the Final for the International Cup. The two teams advanced into the final at the expense of Palestine, whom France beat by 3-1, and China, who fell victim to Portugal by the one-sided score of 9-1.

Although predictions this year have gone haywire on more than one occasion, there is little chance of repetition when one picks Portugal to triumph against their French rivals by a fairly good score. The match will be played at the Canidrome, with the kick-off set for 2.30 p.m. A fairly large crowd is expected to attend.

Portugal will in all probability field the same team that took them to the final. This will have Maurice Souza in the goal; Egas Victal and Adidi Costa as backs; Mano Rozario, Louie Oliveira and Roliz in the intermediate line; Bobby Favacho, Humberto Collaco, Marcus Gaan, Vasco Sousa and young Barradas as forwards.

The French, on the other hand, should be able to field a stronger team than the one they put out against Palestine. Segalen, it may be recalled, did not play on that occasion and his inclusion in the forward line will strengthen it considerably, since Richard showed up rather poorly in that game. The line-up should be as follows: Premet, in goal; Collet and Roussel as backs; Merschneck, Pecquery and Vinh in the intermediate line; Sinh, Segalen, Bossuet, Heloyan and Le Bras as forwards.

Should Retain Trophy

Notwithstanding the fact that they have a strong defence, it is thought highly improbable that they will humble the all-around well-oiled Portuguese machine. The Portuguese may find more difficulty in breaking through Collet and Roussel than they had when playing China, but Gaan and Sousa, helped by such players like Collaco, Favacho and the fast-improving Barradas, should score enough to retain the trophy for the third time in as many years.

The trophy will be presented to the captain of the winning team by Mr. Z. L. Sung.

In addition to the International Cup final, there will be a Reserve Division match between Tung Hwa and S.F.X. The former beat S.F.X. once in cup competition by the score of 9-0 and there is little doubt but that they will do so again, although the score should be smaller. Should the Saints score an upset, the divisional championship will go to Lusitano.

Only one other game has been scheduled for the day and this will be at the Aurora at 2 p.m. when Wha Lien will meet Judeans in a Third Division encounter.

P.T.H. Against Tung Hwa

On Sunday morning, the spirited P.T.H. will encounter Tung Hwa at the Canidrome in a second round game. The first match between the two was won by the Chinese, but there is every indication that the schoolboys will avenge themselves this time.

Starting out poorly, P.T.H. scored two upsets in two weeks lately, first beating A.S.F. after trailing by 2-5, and then surprising a large crowd of spectators by ousting the formidable S.M.P. eleven from further competition for the Skottowe Cup.

With these two victories to their credit and with Billy Tingle giving that much-wanted spirit, the chances are that the P.T.H. will humble the already humbled Tung Hwa and thus will avoid being left at the bottom of the First Division.

Another First Division match will be played on Sunday afternoon at the Race Course where S.M.P., runners-up for the League championship, will encounter S.R.C. The latter have shown up poorly in their last few games, while on Sunday they lost to Lusitano, who fielded no less than six reserves. The Recs, however, were also without the services of some of their regulars.

The issue of this match will bear on the First Division, since the Police can't lose a game without endangering their chances for the championship. Their loss to P.T.H. on Saturday has taken some of their prestige away, but they should redeem themselves at the expense of the Recs.

In a Second Division game, to be played at the Aurora at 3.10 p.m., the Three Cultures, who surprisingly fell victims to tha Russian Regiment in the Tsz Ling Cup final, will encounter Unison Football Club in what should turn out to be an easy victory for them. The Three Cultures, incidentally, unless they lose in future, are the logical runners-up to the French Forces, who copped the divisional championship this season.

The Old Westonians, so far without a loss and current holders of the Junior Cup, are slated to meet the lowly Tung Wen in a Third Division game on Sunday. A victory for them is certain. Other matches include those between Y.T.T. and Oarsmen, and Hotspurs and J.A.C.

Complete Programme

The following is the complete programme for the week-end:

SATURDAY

International Cup Final:—France v. Portugal, Canidrome, 2.30 p.m.
Reserve Division:—Tung Hwa v. S.F.X., Aurora, 3.20 p.m.
Third Division:—Judeans v. Wha Lien, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

First Division:—Tung Hwa v. P.T.H. Canidrome, 10.30 a.m.; S.R.C. v. S.M.P., R.G. 1, 3 p.m.
Second Division:—Three Cultures v. Unison F.C., Aurora, 3.10 p.m.
Third Division:—Old Westonians v. Tung Wen, R.G. 2, 3 p.m.; Oarsmen v. Y.T.T., Aurora, 1.45 p.m.; Hotspurs v. J.A.C., R.G. 5, 3 pm.

U.S. Basketball Stars To Play in Foreign "Y"

20th Century Fox Team All Over 6ft. Tall

When Shanghai basketball enthusiasts flock to the Foreign Y.M.C.A. to-night to see the 20th Century-Fox hoopsters clash with Shanghai's best they will see eight virtual giants who won eight out of ten games played in Manila, says the United Press.

Of the eight men who comprise the crack outfit, only two are less than 6 ft. 3 in. in height. The tallest man in the team is John "Basket" Ball, centre, who is 6 ft. 4½ in.

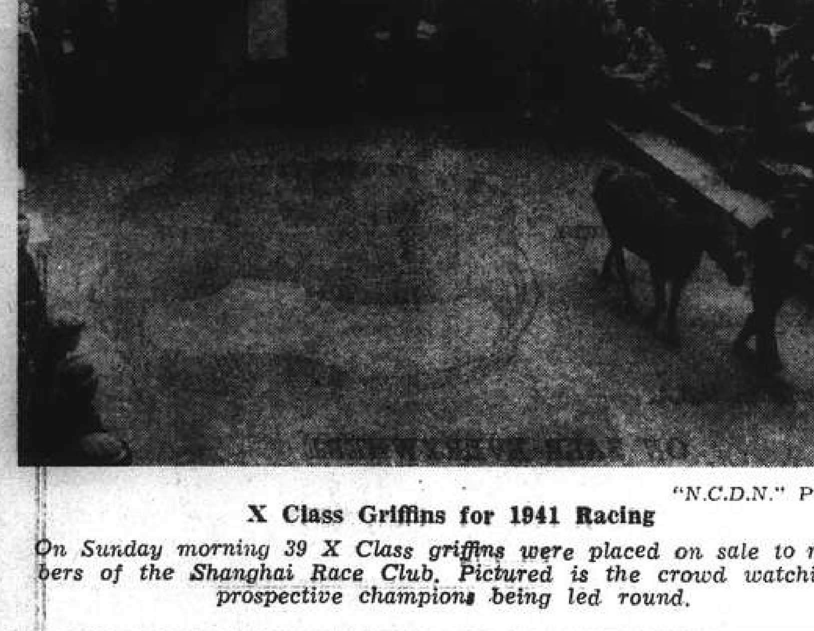
But despite his tremendous height, Ball is not the star point-getter. The player the Chinese and Marine officers will find more dangerous is Les "Scarlet" O'Gara, who averaged thirteen points a game during his appearance in Manila. In ten games against the best that the Philippines could muster, the Americans won eight tilts.

The only two victories scored by Filipino cagers were by Ateneo and the Blue Eagles whose speedy and deadly accurate shooting enabled them to offset the height of the visitors and take two close games.

The Americans completed their successful tour of the Philippines by beating the all-star quintet composed of stars of the university and club teams which had previously met the visitors. The Americans won the big game, 40 to 36.

The Americans are a hard-playing and rough team. They like to rough things up because of the fast pace which they set.

The team is composed of the following:—Carl Knowles, Les O'Gara, Lee Woodward, Paul Cloyd, Jon Johnson, John "Basket" Ball, Chuck Perrin, Pay Weddie, and Ray Weddie.



"N.C.D.N." Photo.

X Class Griffins for 1941 Racing

On Sunday morning 39 X Class griffins were placed on sale to members of the Shanghai Race Club. Pictured is the crowd watching a prospective champions being led round.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Tsz Ling Cup Final at Canidrome

The Russian Regiment became the first Russian holders of the trophy when they defeated the highly-favoured Three Cultures by the odd goal in three at the Canidrome on Sunday morning. A crowd in the neighbourhood of 4,000 witnessed the match, which was one of the hardest-fought in the junior divisions. The photo shows an attack on the Russian goal. The players (from left to right) are Medvigus, W. B. Sung, Braman, Chernih and Goloobeff, the Russian custodian. Referee Ho is seen in the background.

Two Runaway Wins in Ladies Doubles Badminton League

Country Club "B" Lose to French Juniors, 9-0; Similarly Union Church Trounced by C.S.F. Seniors

TWO run away wins were scored yesterday in the Ladies Doubles of the Badminton League, when the C.S.F. Juniors playing on their home courts smashed the visiting Country Club "B" team by the score of 9-0.

The second game played between the Union Church and the C.S.F. Seniors resulted in the latter handing a 9-0 trouncing to the Union Church.

The encounter between the C.S.F. and Country Club Junior teams was decidedly one-sided as the Country Club players were given no chance to retaliate against the terrific attacking force of the C.S.F. players. The French Club predominated in the play in all the three fixtures and the Club was given no breathing space throughout the matches.

Opening for the C.S.F., Mrs. Trolle and Miss Sharp were all over the opposing couple of Mrs. Maclagan and Mrs. Hall. Scoring a decisive 15-4 victory in the first set, the winners continued their rout of the opposition when they won the second set, conceding only one point to Mrs. Maclagan and Mrs. Hall. Play was no better in the final set, when the C.S.F. pair did not relax their pressure but continued battering the weakened Country Club players to win 15-3.

Play Extremely Even

Mrs. Morches and Miss Moore were the Country Club players who put up a worthy opposition, this to Miss Popple and Miss Rudge. Play was extremely even with neither side being able to lead by more than a few points. Mrs. Morcher and Miss Moore, however, had just that extra vim which enabled them to conquer their opponents by the close score of 15-13, and 15-10 in the first and second sets, and by 15-5 in the third.

Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Courtils had no difficulty in overcoming Mrs. Ballard and Mrs. Beeching. Blanking the losers 15-3 in the opening set, the French Club couple did even better in the two following sets which they won 15-1, 15-17.

The C.S.F. Senior side, the leading team in the league, had the game all its own way against the Union Church and easily emerged the victors. Mrs. Arnold Jones and Mrs. Cate had the most difficult time of all the French Club couples. Faced with the able opposition of Miss Harrop and Miss Ross, the Club players, although winning 15-5, 15-4, 15-14, were hard put to overcome the lighting thrusts of of the Union Church players.

Beaten Convincingly

Mrs. Jorgensen and Mrs. Richards were also successful against their opponents, Miss Kimberley and Miss Kemp. The losers rallied in the second set to lose by only 11-15, but were beaten convincingly in the first and third set by the score of 15-5, 15-4 respectively.

A runaway victory was scored by Miss Tavares and Miss Vincent, who gave the Union Church pair of Mrs. Winter and Miss Chelmis only four points in all the three sets, the score reading 15-2, 15-1, 15-1 in favour of the C.S.F.

Complete Results

Detailed results follow:—

UNION CHURCH 0, C.S.F. "A" 9

Miss Harrop and Miss Ross lost to Mrs. Arnold-Jones and Mrs. Cate, 5-15, 4-15, 14-15.
Miss Kimberley and Miss Kemp lost to Mrs. Jorgensen and Mrs. Richards, 5-15, 11-15, 4-15.
Mrs. Winter and Miss Chelmis lost to Miss Tavares and Miss Vincent, 2-15, 1-15, 1-15.

C.S.F. "B" 9, COUNTRY CLUB "B" 0

Mrs. Trolle and Miss Sharp beat Mrs. Maclagan and Mrs. Hall, 15-4, 15-1, 15-3.
Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Courtils beat Mrs. Ballard and Mrs. Beeching, 15-3, 15-1, 15-7.
Mrs. Popple and Miss Rudge beat Mrs. Morcher and Miss Moore, 15-13, 15-10, 15-5.

Tonight's Ten Pin League Matches

"A" DIVISION

Columbia C.C. v. U.S.M.C.
American Club v. S. Race Club

"B" MAPLE

USMC Reds v. C.C.C. Bears
S. Race Club v. American Club
*"Y" Luckies v. Marine Officers

"B" PINE

USMC Greens v. C.C.C. Bulls
*"Y" Flukes v. USMC Blues
USMC Whites v. Swiss Club
*Games start at 9 p.m. Others at 6.15 p.m.

Foreign "Y" Trim Country Club

Enter Finals of Squash Tournament; Game Display By Losing Team

The Country Club who scored one of the major surprises of the season when they defeated the Race Club to enter the semi-final of the Squash Racquets Knock-out Tournament were defeated last night by the Foreign "Y" at their own courts. The score was 3-1. Having won yesterday's engagement the Foreign "Y" are now in the final. The postponed match between R. B. Gotch and T. E. Baker will not be played as it will have no bearing on the match.

H. M. Snow was disposed off by the Imca No. 1, David Green, in quick order. The latter playing his usual tricky game had his opponent completely baffled and did not encounter any difficulty in winning in three straight sets. Only allowing Snow three points in the first set, he carried on to win the second set at love while the loser only managed to gain two points in the third set.

Club's Only Point

The Country Club's only point was earned by F. E. T. Marshall who, after five gruelling sets, accounted for R. G. Berglof. There was a sharp contrast between the first two and the last three sets. The first two, which went to Marshall, saw both sides playing carefully, preferring to play a more scientific game and placements. The last three saw the two players reverting to hard hitting tactics.

G. Beckerman subdued W. R. McCutcheon in three straight sets also but had a much harder time doing so as the loser put up a determined resistance, specially in the second set which went to the score of 10-8. The loser seemed to be off colour and did not display his usual good form which made him a much respected No. 1 of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank team.

Botelho's Debut

G. R. Botelho made a successful debut in the senior division last night when he triumphed over the hard-hitting Gordon-Brown but not before going the full distance of five sets. Though he lost the first two sets, he made a strong come-back in the latter half of the game to win by rather convincing scores. He wound up the match in whirlwind style by winning the last game at love.

The detailed results are:—

Detailed Scores

COUNTRY CLUB 1, FOREIGN "Y" 3

H. M. Snow lost to D. Green 3-9, 0-9, 2-9.
F. E. T. Marshall beat R. G. Berglof 9-5, 10-8, 4-9, 6-9, 10-8.
W. R. McCutcheon lost to G. Beckerman 3-9, 8-10, 6-9.
G. Gordon-Brown lost to G. R. Botelho 9-7, 9-6, 2-9, 2-9 0-9.

Handball Championship Singles at "Y"

Three Encounters Played As Tourney Begins

Play in the Singles of the City Handball Championship opened last night at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. with F. Tchakalian defeating Lin-on Chen, M. Gaberman vanquishing H. L. Chang and M. Tchakalian proving himself superior to A. A. Wurm.

The encounter between F. Tchakalian and Lin-on Chen was a decidedly one-sided affair, with the Chinese starting at a disadvantage, his opponent being the Shanghai Singles Champion for two years running. Nothing daunted, Chen played an excellent game, but he was no match for the more experienced Tchakalian, and the Chinese was defeated in straight sets, 21-6, 21-11.

The most exciting encounter of the evening was the engagement between M. Tchakalian and A. A. Wurm. Evenly matched, either was at his wit ends to out-wit the other. The score was tied for minutes at a time in all the three sets, but the first set ended, 21-19, in favour of Tchakalian when he unleashed a last minute drive to down his opponent. In the second set Wurm had his revenge when he subdued Tchakalian, 21-17; the third saw, however, Tchakalian gain the upper-hand to win, 21-18.

The third game yesterday saw M. Gaberman rally in the final set to defeat H. L. Chang. Winning the first set, 21-14, Gaberman relaxed pressure in the second to allow the Chinese player gain a seven-point lead which held till the game-ball, with Chang winning the set, 21-13. The final set, however, was all in the hands of Gaberman who succeeded in defeating Chang 21-12 to win the encounter.

Detailed results follow:—

F. Tchakalian beat Lin-on Chen, 21-6, 21-11.
M. Gaberman beat H. L. Chang, 21-14, 13-21, 21-13.
M. Tchakalian beat A. A. Wurm, 21-19, 17-21, 21-18.

Shanghai Golf Club

The March Monthly Cup of the Shanghai Golf Club will be played for on Saturday and Sunday at Seekingjao. Conditions 18 Holes Medal—11 "A" Class Scr. to 12, "B" Class 13 to 24.

Colony's Classic Won By United Express

Australian Subscription Horses of 1941

Hongkong, Feb. 24.

Necan's United Express, with Io Kui-ying up, won the Rooty-Hill Derby in 2 min. 49 sec. in the third day's events of the Hongkong Jockey Club's annual race meeting, run off at Happy Valley Racecourse today.

The Rooty-Hill Derby was a 1½ mile race for Australian subscription horses of 1941, on which a special sweep was drawn. The amount of the sweep runs into very large figures.

1.—Albury Stakes. 1¼ miles.

Mr. Dynasty's King's Flight (Needa) 1
Lee Bros.' Lex Fori (Sokoloff) 2
Mr. C. H. Chan's Bugle (Moller) ... 3
Time, 2.22⅗ sec.

2.—Racing Stakes. One mile.

Mr. Lan's World Fair View (Pih) .. 1
Mr. Marber's Palber (Chao) 2
Mr. Collene's Sam's Choice (Black) 3
Time, 1.59⅘ sec.

3.—Chater Cup.
About Halm mile and 170 yards.

Mr. Lan's Distant View (Pih) 1
Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Fleetwing (Poy) 2
Mr. Lan's Misty View (Botelho) 3
Time, 1.01⅕ sec.

4.—Victoria Stakes. One mile.

Mr. Cire's Facylight (Noodt) 1
Mr. Eve's Eve of Harvest (Davis) .. 2
Mr. Cire's Spicylight (Moller) 3
Time, 1.54 sec.

5.—Canbelego Handicap. One mile.

Mr. C. L. Gregory's Catterick Bridge (Chao) 1
Mr. T. K. L.'s Venus Bay (Needa) .. 2
Mr. E. S. K's Cheerful Star (Tao) .. 3
Time, 1.50⅗ sec.

6.—Royal Navy Cup.
About 1 mile and 171 yards.

Mr. Lee Chi-choh's Happy Returns (Chao) 1
Mr. C.C.F's Santa Anita (Liang) 2
Mr. Luck's Sydney Lady (Hearne) .. 3
Time, 2.02⅗ secs.

7.—Chefoo Handicap.
About 1 mile and 171 yards.

Mr. Eve's Eve Of Peace (Coppin) .. 1
Mr. Eve's Eve Of Hunting (Davis) .. 2
Mr. W. T. Stanton's Royal Wedding Eve (Sokoloff) 3
Time, 2.16⅗ secs.

8.—Rooty-Hill Derby and Sports Club Cup. 1½ mile.

Mr. Necan's United Express (Ip Kui-ying) 1
Mrs. Chong Ho-yen's Endeavour (Moller) 2
Mr. S. W. Lee's Jus Gentium (Sokoloff) 3
Time, 2.49 secs.
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9.—Kara Kara Handicap. 6 Furlongs.

Mr. Vilaja's Viceroy (Black) 1
Mr. Lan's Far View (Pih) 2
Mr. Cocoa's Brown Derby (Treverton) 3
Time, 1.18 secs.

10.—Austral Racing Stakes. 1¼ mile.

Mr. Gredmaka's Colooma (Black) .. 1
T.K.L.'s Oracle (Needa) 2
Mr. Lan's Prairie View (Pih) 3
Time, 2.19⅗ secs.

11.—Hopeful Stakes.
About 1 mile and 171 yards.

Mr. T.K.L.'s Oolong (Sokoloff) 1
Mr. Cire's Velvetlight (Moller) 2
Mr. Marber L's Charlesber (Chao) 3
Time, 2.10⅕ secs.

12.—Sandringham Plate. 6 Furlongs.

Mr. Kwok Yee-chan's Maple Leaf (Noodt) 1
Mr. S. Wmjs Optima Fide (Sokoloff) 2
Mrs. S.K.'s Fresh Air (Needa) 3
Time, 1.20⅗ secs.—Reuter.

R. A. Shayes Killed In Flying Accident

London, Feb. 24.

Lawn tennis enthusiasts will learn with regret of the death, on active service in Rhodesia, of Ronald Shayes, the British Davis Cup player.

Shayes, a sergeant in the R.A.F., was one of the many lawn tennis stars in that service, and he is the latest of a growing list of leading sportsmen who have given their lives in the present war. He joined the R.A.F. after serving for a time as a member of an A.R.P. unit, and was just about to complete his training when he was involved in a flying accident. His rise to lawn tennis stardom was almost sensational, but he was one of the enigmas of the game. At times he played like a world-beater; at others like a novice. But when at his best he could make the most difficult shots with the greatest of ease.—Reuter.

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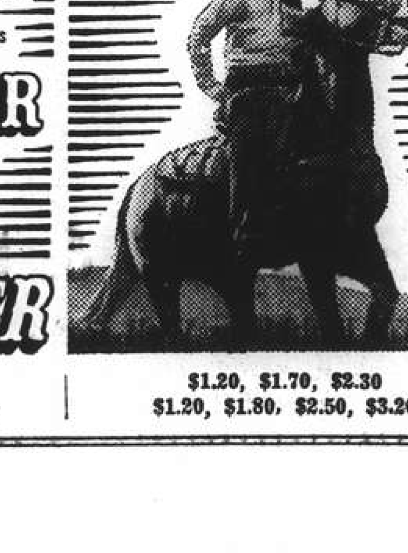
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OPENS THURSDAY!

FROM DAY TO DAY

MR. Teizo Sekiya, newly-appointed Counsellor of the Manchoukuan Embassy at Nanking, arrived in Shanghai on his way to his post on Sunday afternoon in the ss. Dairen Maru, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reports.

AT the American Club at 12.30 p.m., the Rev. Y. Y. Tsu, Assistant Bishop at Hongkong, will address the American University Club on "Impressions of Southwest China." The speaker is qualified to talk on this subject inasmuch as Kunming and Kweiyang come under his diocese.

THE musical and dramatic section of B.W.A. wish to advise members and friends who are planning to come to the exhibition of films on March 6, that as accommodation is limited it would be advisable to obtain tickets in advance. The films include two war films and a coloured film of London and should prove very interesting.

TEN more factories will be constructed during the current year in Kiangsi by the provincial government to provide work for unemployed refugees, says a Kian message to the "Sin Wan Pao." The refugees will be given a special training and thereby be qualified to earn their livelihood later on, the report concludes.

ROTARIANS are reminded that this week's meeting will be a Ladies' Day, and will be held at the usual time, 12.15 p.m. Thursday at the Metropole Hotel, 1st Floor. An interesting programme of Chinese music to illustrate Professor Chao Mei-Pe's talk on "The Trend of Modern Chinese Music," has been arranged, and it is hoped that all Rotary ladies in town will come.

THE Ministry of Justice in Chungking is planning the setting up of more than 40 additional law courts in the provinces of Szechuan, Yunnan, Kweichow and Shensi in the near future, says a report to the "Chinese American Daily News." Preparations are now being made to establish these courts, and after an experimental period, more courts will be set up throughout other parts of "Free China," the report states.

THE health report of the French Municipality for the week ending February 22, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Concession was—Foreigners 7 and Chinese 177. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, pneumonia 2, tuberculosis 2. Chinese, tuberculosis 40; typhoid and paratyphoid fevers 7; measles 6; pneumonia 2; beri-beri 2 and diphtheria, dysentery, typhus fever one each.

FRIDAY next, is being observed by women throughout the world as a Day of Prayer. The Shanghai service will be held in Community Church at 3 p.m. on that date, when women of various nationalities will take part in an order of service which has been specially prepared. It is of interest to note that the programme to be followed in similar services throughout the world was prepared by the Shanghai committee. All women interested are cordially invited to attend the service.

GENERAL Sir Archibald Wavell, the British Commander-in-Chief in the Near and Middle East, is the man of the moment. And it is worth knowing that he is first and foremost "a soldier of the desert." He has specialized in desert warfare. His book on Desert Warfare is a text book at the Staff College, and has had many students in foreign countries. Sir Akmed Bey Hassanein is one of his right-hand men. He too, is pro-British, educated at Oxford, and was a suitor for the Queen Dowager of Egypt.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council health report for the week ending midnight February 22, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Settlement was—Foreigners 22 and Chinese 1062. Deaths from notifable diseases were—Foreigners, tuberculosis and measles one each. Chinese, tuberculosis 69; typhoid fever 38; measles 16; diphtheria 4; influenza 4; dysentery 3; beri-beri 2; relapsing fever 2 and paratyphoid fever, malaria, encephalitis lethargica one each.

THE officers for the current year of the Sino-American Cultural Association in Chungking were elected at a meeting held on Sunday, says a report to the "Sin Wan Pao." These include Dr. H. H. Kung, Finance Minister, as the honorary chairman, Mr. Chen Li-fu, Minister of Education, and Mr. K. P. Chen, general-manager of the Shanghai and Commercial Savings Bank as the vice-chairman for the second consecutive year, the report adds. Dr. Leighton Stuart, president of the Yenching University in Peiping, was also elected as the American chairman of the Association, the report states.

A MAN who is playing a big part behind the scenes in rallying Equatorial Africa to the Allied cause is Sir Bernard Bourdillon, for the last five years Governor of Nigeria. He comes of a family with a long record of service in India, and served there himself from 1908 until after the Great War. Then he spent some years in Bagdad in 1932. Sir Bernard is tall, ascetic, and sparing of words, and believes that within the next few years the centre of the Empire will shift from Asia to Africa. Both he and his wife are very popular among the native population, and the Nigerian shopkeepers show it by naming many new articles of clothing after them.

AIR Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, appointed the first Commander-in-Chief, Far East, is the only officer living of the Air Battalion formed in 1912 from which the R.A.F. originated. He was in the first air manœuvres of 1911, and one of the first half-dozen pilots to cross the enemy lines in 1914. Originally a soldier in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, he was Commandant of the Imperial Defence College, the key-brain of the three Services, and the first Air Force man to rule the College. He is nicknamed "Brookham," a combination of his two names. His family name was Brooke, and he assumed by Royal Licence his additional name in 1904. A man of Suffolk, he has served longer in the R.A.F. than any officer living.

The Unbreakable Spirit of England

Letters from Home Show Tremendous Determination Of All Classes of People

Received recently from England, two letters, which are published below, give further examples of the spirit and fortitude with which the heavy bombing raids on England are being received by the people. One writer says "I must say that from all oneself hears, sees, and hears from others, there is a feeling of confidence and determination whatever the trials may be that we have to undergo." This is so typical of the feeling expressed in countless letters written from England as almost to provide a standing sentence whereby the true sentiment of the nation can be described. The letters follow:—

In Warwickshire

Rugby, Nov. 29.

"Here at Rugby we have escaped the bombing, save for a few stray missiles, which have not done much damage. We have seen and heard the attacks on Coventry (12 miles away) and Birmingham (30 miles away), however. These two towns have caught it badly, and Coventry, or rather the centre of the town, is a mass of ruins.

"The courage and fortitude of the people, however, are wonderful. Their troubles are taken almost as a matter of course, and their trials seem to make them all the more determined to see the war through to a successful end, however long that may be. I must say that from all oneself sees and hears from others, there is a feeling of confidence and determination whatever the trials may be that we have to undergo. It is true that after the French debacle, there was a certain amount of despondency, but that has passed, and the news of our R.A.F. doings and the success of the Greeks over the Italians has put quite a different aspect on matters.

"There is no shortage of foodstuffs at present, though we have to go carefully with butter, tea and such-like things, which are rationed. There is a great campaign for growing more food, and we are all asked to grow as many vegetables as we can for our own use. Much of the grass-land is being ploughed up, and it is comforting to know that last year's harvest was a very good one.

"The rumours that you have heard of Rugby School being removed are without foundation; some schools at the beginning of the War were commandeered by the Government, and others in the danger areas have combined with those in the safety zones. Many of the Government offices have also emigrated to the country from London.

"Certain towns have been badly knocked about, and there has been a considerable loss of life through the bombing; but whatever rumours you may hear, you may be assured that the country's spirit has never been better, and everyone who can is working marvellously towards one end, and that is the crushing of German Naziism. We are a very united people, and quite cheerfully are putting up with any restrictions imposed upon us. Of course there is a certain amount of criticism at times, but that, I think, is only a sign of our strength."

From the Nottingham Area

Long Eaton, Nov. 25.

"The spirit that remains in the old country is remarkable; I have never known it more united, and could not at all have believed that the folk could have endured the trials they have been faced with, with such fortitude. All seem to carry on and are resolved to win through, whatever the cost.

"We went to Coventry last week, and in face of what has happened there—the destruction of the centre of the city—the people bear up extraordinarily well and beyond any anticipation one could have had.

Birmingham too has suffered similarly, but all carry on and would appear to treat their disasters with untold bravery and fortitude. Air-raid warnings are constantly with us, day and night. Sunday morning we had two before noon, and it is surprising how folk become accustomed to changed conditions. In the streets there are numerous Air Raid Shelters, and people make them their abiding places for the night. We ourselves retire under the stairs, where we can just get in a bed and a chair, and when things get too warm, in we go. I have electric light and a portable electric stove, and sleep quite well occasionally.

"So far, Long Eaton has fared well, and we have been extraordinarily lucky; we have had about five houses demolished and a hundred or so damaged, at New Sawley and Trent Lock, otherwise the bombs have dropped in fields. Ilkeston has fared much worse than we have, so has Beeston. Nottingham and Derby have had very lucky escapes, suffering little or no damage. Stanton has even escaped. Leicester has come in for a share, and the village of Oadby has suffered badly.

Doctor Carried Away By Armed Kidnappers

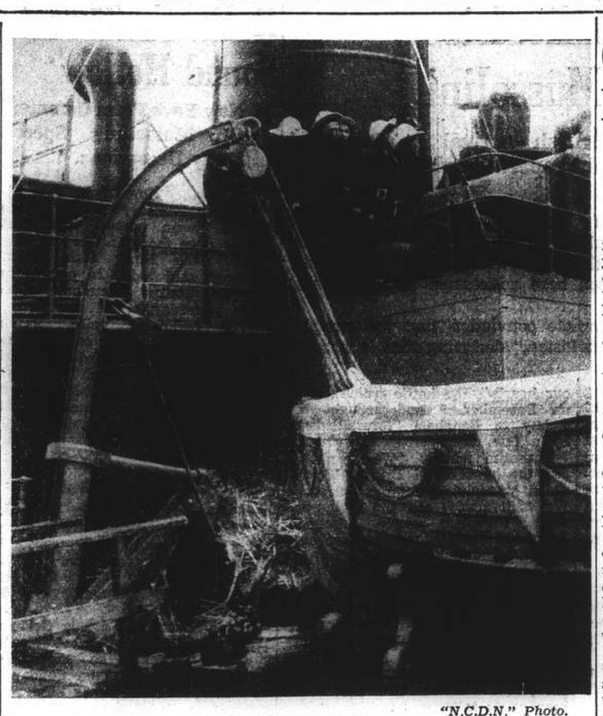
Chauffeur Forced Out Near Fah Hwa Village

Kidnappers struck again yesterday when they carried away Dr. Ting Tsoong-ying, aged 54, from outside his home at 4 Golden Villa in Bubbling Well Road at 10.20 a.m. The kidnappers used their victim's car, bearing licence No. 2136, for the purpose.

According to investigations, Dr. Ting, whose father was also a well-known Chinese physician, was entering his car when three armed men approached the vehicle and forced the driver to drive to Great Western Road. Arriving at the corner of Great Western and Columbia Roads, near the Fah Hwa village, the miscreants forced the chauffeur out and drove on.

The driver made his way and reported the crime to the Bubbling Well police station. Securing co-operation of the Chinese police, detectives searched the vicinity, but failed to find either the abducted man or his vehicle.

It was believed that the motive for the crime was purely pecuniary, since the victim was not known to belong to any political organization.



"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Fire on Frosty Moller

Firemen from the Central station raced to the No. 15 Pontoon on the Bund at 9.25 a.m. yesterday when a fire was reported to have been started on board the Frosty Moller. The flames were caused by a small quantity of straw which caught fire. Only slight damage was caused the Central station firemen returned after handing over the job to the Harbour Fire Brigade. The photo shows firemen making sure that the flames have been extinguished.

Distinctions Gained by Former Local Boys

Ex-Cathedral School Boys Doing Well at Home

News of ex-Cathedral School boys, contained in a letter received here recently from home, shows how splendidly they are making out in the fields of sport and scholarship at their various schools at home. Many distinctions have been gained by these boys in both fields despite the war, and under abnormal conditions they have shown themselves to equal the best. The letter follows:—

"Both Shanghai's representatives at Trent College have made names for themselves. Arnol Lupton, son of Captain T. A. Lupton (Floating Staff, A.P.C.) has been given his 1st XV Colours; as he is not yet 15, he is the youngest boy ever to have been awarded this distinction. R. P. Wilson, son of the late P. J. Wilson (A.P.C.) is Captain of Swimming, and a prominent member of the 1st XV.

"T. R. H. Box, who won a Scholarship last year at Bidley College, Ontario, is doing extremely well there; though only 14, he does VIth Form Latin, and only his extreme youth prevents him from taking his Matriculation this year. He is the son of Mr. R. H. Box (Jardine Engineering Co.) & nephew of Dean Trivett. Hugh Currie, son of Mr. R. M. Currie, of the Shanghai Waterworks Co., has won an Exhibition at Ridley College; a very creditable achievement for a boy of 10.

"Of his youngest son, Norman, Mr. S. C. Young writes:—Norman is in an Officers' Training Unit; he did particularly well with his first unit and was given three months advancement. He is now in hard training and enjoying it. We have never had any reason to regret having kept Norman at the Cathedral School until he was 16. In fact, we are sure he benefitted from it, and he more than held his own at school and games with boys of his own age in England." Norman Young went on to Weymouth College, following in the footsteps of his brothers; he at once played in the 1st XV, and soon became very prominent in his new school."

Japanese Plane Forced Down in Chekiang

Airmen Resist Capture, are Shot Dead, Wounded

Quoting information emanating from local Ningpo circles, the "Chinese American Daily News" reports that one Japanese military airman was shot dead, another wounded, while the third one was caught alive after their plane had been forced to land in the vicinity of Ningpo. This happened on February 18 when the Japanese 'plane was flying over Tungkiang near Ningpo and it is believed that the machine was forced to land because its engines were out of order.

The shooting occurred only when the Japanese airmen tried to resist a group of Chinese soldiers who approached them after the accident. The Chinese soldiers tried to arrest them but they resisted, it is stated, and so the Chinese opened fire, killing one of them and wounding another. The 'plane, described as a reconnaissance machine was also taken by the Chinese soldiers to their headquarters together with the captured Japanese airman.

After landing in Chungking-controlled territory near Ningpo, one of the Japanese airmen who could speak Chinese chatted with the villagers, trying to obtain information as to the whereabouts of Chinese forces.

Mayor Chen to Order Rice

800,000 Piculs of Native Grain to Be Shipped to Shanghai for Relief

More concrete steps are being taken by Mayor Chen Kung-po of the Greater Shanghai Municipal Government to readjust the rice situation in Shanghai. Some weeks ago he told the foreign press that he would be fully responsible for the negotiation for 140,000 piculs of native rice to be transported to this city monthly from the occupied districts. It is reliably learned that the Mayor plans to place an order for 800,000 piculs of native rice first for the people here.

When the rice arrives here it will be sold at the actual cost price to the people living in both Chinese territory and foreign settlements since the main purpose is to readjust the rice situation and not to carry out a business proposition. In so doing, it is further learned, the Mayor is co-operating with bankers and other merchants.

Questioned on the subject, an official of the city regime stated that already the Shanghai Foodstuffs Readjustment Committee has come into existence with offices established inside the city government itself. The plan is to raise a foundation fund first and, unofficially, it is learned that the money amounting to no less than $20,000,000 has been subscribed by those participating in the movement. Transportation of native rice to this city may be started at the end of this month or early next month.

Timely Measure

The native rice should come as a timely relief as prices of foreign rice have been increased following the recent confusion created in the Shanghai Rice Market here as a result of the unsettled Far Eastern situation which has been made use of by rumour-mongers and speculators.

The Shing Sheng News Agency reports that, realizing the seriousness of the situation, rice bodies still loyal to Chungking are secretly investigating with a view to bringing manipulators to book. The Shanghai Rice Price Fixing Committee will soon meet to discuss the situation so that illegal transactions may be stopped in the market. The Committee will revise the price of the 15 kinds of foreign rice so that the profit will not surpass the 5 per cent. mark as officially regulated.

Colonel Hornby Leaving Today

Thanks All Ranks in Last Orders; Distinguished Career Here

Terminating a distinguished career in Shanghai lasting more than three years Col. J. W. Hornby who has completed his period of secondment with the Shanghai Volunteer Corps is leaving today after handing over his important post to his successor, Lt. Col. G. H. Mann, M.C.

In special and final Corps Orders which he issued yesterday the retiring officer expressed his thanks to all ranks for their good work during his command and bade them farewell. The Special Orders were as follows:

"Before handing over to my successor, I wish to thank all ranks of the Corps for the good work carried out since I took over command in December, 1937.

"During the past three years the Corps has carried out many extra tasks, culminating in the very exacting duties in "B" Sector since August last year and I am sure that each individual volunteer has done his best to perform his full share of this work. I know that this occupation of the "B" Sector entails considerable sacrifice of our leisure time, and can truly say that these duties are being carried out with splendid efficiency.

Close Co-operation Enjoyed

"I would also like especially to thank the senior officers of the Corps for their good advice and close co-operation and friendship, and I feel I can rest assured that they will continue in the same spirit with my successor.

"I deeply appreciate the good fellowship and real international spirit of this Corps, and am most grateful for all your hospitality and kindness.

"I leave Shanghai with great regret, but will carry with me many pleasant and interesting memories of Shanghai and its varied activities.

"The Shanghai Volunteer Corps has a splendid record, and it is up to each one of you to keep it. My sincerest wishes go to you all; and may the future bring good luck and prosperity." The farewell message of the retiring officer will be repeated in unit orders of the Corps.

Col. Hornby came to Shanghai in December, 1937 and took up the appointment of S.V.C. Commandant upon the departure of Col. F. R. W. Graham. In addition to his work with the S. V. C. he was associated with the British Boys' Scouts Association of which he was vice-president.

A horseman of no mean calibre Col. Hornby took a prominent part in the activities of the Shanghai Polo Club and played in the "Mixed Grill" team in army tournaments for several seasons.

Prior to his departure Colonel Hornby was guest of honour at a number of farewell parties given in his honour attesting to his popularity in this city. His place in the S.V.C. has been taken over by Lt. Col Mann, a worthy successor.

At a final gathering in honour of Col. Hornby last night, the senior officers and corps commanders of the S. V. C. entertained their departing chief at a cocktail party in the Officers' Mess, Major Z. Y. Chen presenting him with a handsome English silver salver. Major Chen, in a short speech, wished the Colonel bon voyage and thanked him for his great services for the corps while in command. The salver was engraved with the signatures of the senior officers and corps commanders, besides having the Corps crest inscribed on it.

Colonel Hornby thanked the gathering for the gift, saying how sorry he was to be leaving Shanghai and his former comrades, and in return presented the Officers' Mess with a mantlepiece clock, to replace one which had been stolen. The party was well attended, all the senior officers of the S. V. C. turning up for this final celebration of Colonel Hornby's departure for England to serve his country.

French ex-Navy Head Dies

London, Feb. 24.

The former French Navy Minister, M. Campinchi, died yesterday at Marseilles, according to the Swiss Radio.—Reuter.

Hire Car Chauffeur Victimized

Suspected of having snatched $5 from a Ford Hire Car chauffeur early yesterday morning, three young gypsies were brought before the First Special District Court for trial.

It was alleged by the prosecution that the trio, Serge Hoodan, Paul Ogli and John Ogli stopped the taxi in Yu Ya Ching Road and asked the driver to change $10. The chauffeur did not suspect them but as he was changing the money they took back their $5 from the chauffeur. The chauffeur chased them in his car until they reached Avenue Foch near Chengtu Road where the chauffeur notified a constable of the crime. The youths were arrested by the constable.

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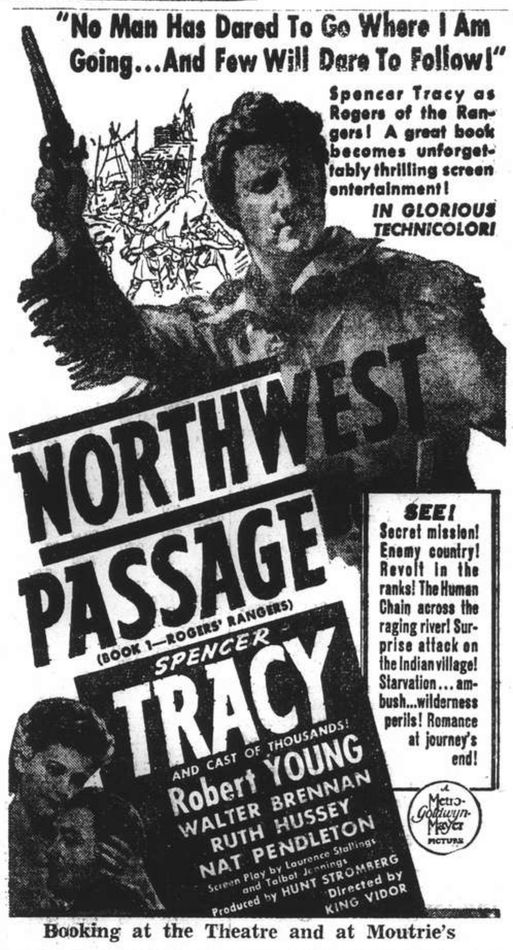

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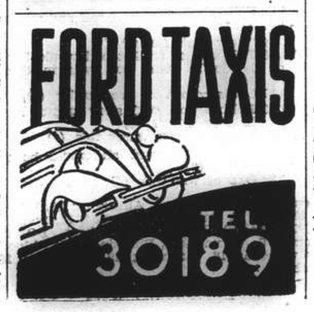

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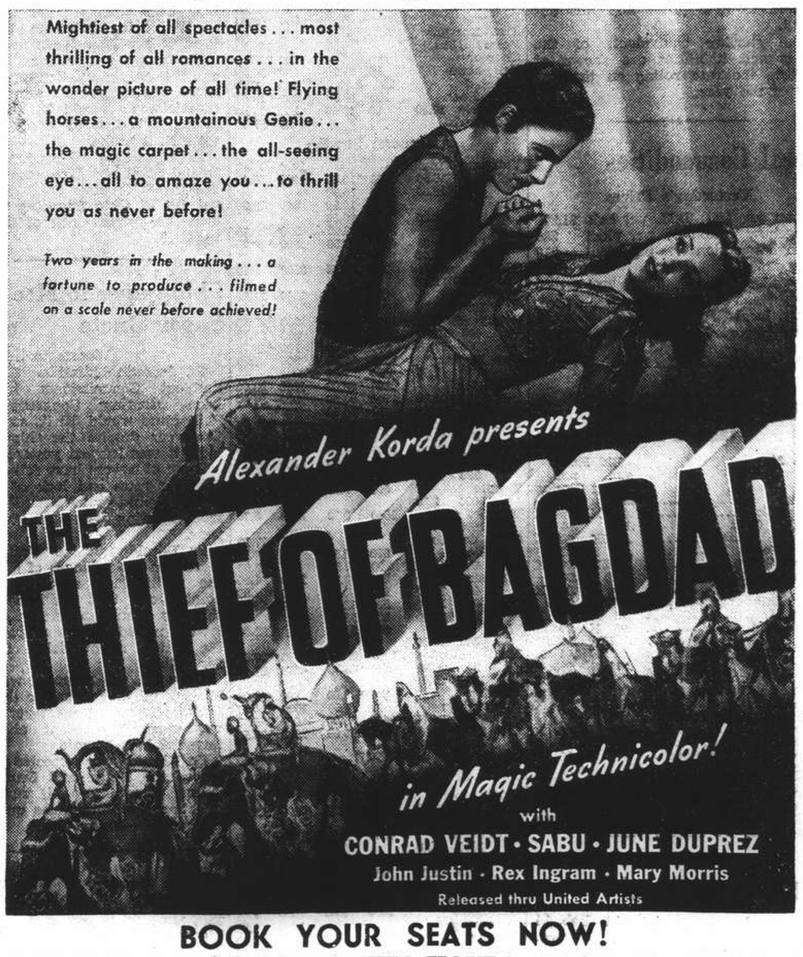

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Yen 23⅞ $100
Guilders 10½ 100
Rupees 19⅛ 100
Pesos 11¼ 100
Hongkong $22⅞ 100
Closing 3 13/32 5 9/16

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 3 17/32d. ....$ 67.96
U.S. $100 @ 5¾ $1,739.00
London—demand, $1= .... 3 17/32d.
4 months' sight credits .... 3 19/32d.
4 months' sight docts .... 3⅝d.
6 months' sight credits .... 3⅝d.
6 months' sight docts .... 3 21/32d.
New York—demand, $100= ...U.S. $5¾
4 months' sight credits .....U.S. $5 13/16
4 months' sight docts .......U.S. $5⅞
Closing 3½ 5 11/16

NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

£1=U.S. $4.03¼ U.S. $1=59.52d.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling ...... 3 27/64d. U.S. $5 9/16
Hongkong/London 1/3

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Local Exchange Report

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INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest 3 13/32	Lowest 3 27/64
U.S. $	5 21/32	5 19/32

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

SELLING Cash		BUYING Feb./Mar.	
£ T.T.	3 13/32	4 m/s. l.c.	3 17/32
U.S.$ T.T.	5 9/16	4 m/s. l.c.	5 11/16
Rs. T.T.	19	15 d/s.	19½

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U.S. $/£ CROSS RATE CASH QUOTATIONS

N.Y. closing rate for Feb. 22 Closed
Local Sellers of U.S.$ against £ at the close 3.90½
Local Buyers of U.S.$ against £ at the close 3.91½

The local market opened with sellers at 3 13/32d. sterling and 5 21/32 U.S.$ these rates were maintained on a quiet market for the major portion of the day, but in the late afternoon the market turned suddenly easier on merchant and speculative buying, closing uncertain with sellers at:—

3 27/64 sterling 5 9/16 U.S.$ Cash/Feb.
3 13/32 „ 5 21/32 „ Mar.

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Meeting

The 125th report of the board of directors of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation will be submitted to the ordinary general meeting of shareholders, to be held at the offices of the company in Hongkong tomorrow.

The directors in a general statement of the affairs of the bank and balance sheet for the year ending December 31, 1940 state.

That the net profits for the year, together with HK$3,411,329.55, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for had and doubtful accounts and contingencies, amount to HK$17,411,199.54. The directors recommend writing off bank premises account the sum of HK$1,000,000.

After deducting HK$1,000,000, the interim dividend of £2.10 per share paid on August 12 last viz:—£400,000 @1/2⅞d.=HK$6,453,781.51, and remuneration to directors, there remains for appropriation HK$9,876,-745.77, out of which the directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of £2.10 per share, viz., £400,000 which at 1/2⅞d., the note of the day, will absorb HK$6,453,-781.51.

The balance HK$3,422,964.26 to be carried to new profit and loss account.

The sterling equivalents of the assets and liabilities are shown at 1/2⅞d., the rate ruling on the last day of the year.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Cotton yn. 20's, D.H. per bale	$1,276
Tungchow cotton .. per picul	226
Shanghai cotton .. per picul	210
Raw silk, Steamfil, 20/22 78% picul	$5,000 nom.
Flour, local .. per bag (49lb.)	23.00
Flour, imported per bag (49lb.)	25.80

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Feb. 24.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing	p.m. Closing
Atoks	.20	.205 S
Antamok	.05 X	.05 X
Baguio Gold	.14	.14
Batong Buhay	.0075X	.0075X
Big Wedge	.22 S	.22 S
Coco Grove	.0625X	.0625X
Consolidated Mines	.0018	.0018
Demonstration	.05 X	.05 X
East Mindanao	.0675	.0675
I. X. L.	.22 X	.22 X
Ipo Gold	.05 X	.05 X
Itogen	.1475X	.1475X
Mambulao Consolidated	.01 X	.01 X
Masbate Consolidated	.085 S	.085 S
Mine Operations	.055 X	.055 S
Paracale Gumaus	.27	.265
San Mauricio	.30 X	.30 X
Surigao Consolidated	.175	.17
Suyoc	.09 X	.09 X
United Paracale	.12	.12 S
Mindanao Motherlode	.11 S	.11 S
Manila Hai-Alai	6.50	6.50
Benguet Consolidated	3.45 S	—

Turnover (Morning Session): 29,700 pesos.
Shares Index (Morning Session): 42.58.
S—Sales. X—Sellers.—Reuter.

Silver Quotations

	Feb. 21	Feb. 24
London spot	23⅜d.	Unrecd.
„ forward	23 5/16d.	„
„ gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The market yesterday was somewhat uncertain at the opening, with rates considerably lower than Friday's close. Throughout the rest of the day, rates were steady until the close, when weaker exchange brought on a wave of buying, the undertone at the end being firm. There was not a particularly heavy turnover, though industrials received their fair share of business. Dutch rubber issues were quietly supported.

Official Averages

High	Low		Today's Average	Change
562.56	105.32	General	292.56	—1.44
485.40	95.55	Rubbers	275.19	—1.92

Total 545,414 shares, 2,590 bonds.

Morning Session

Yangtze Finance					7000	16.50
	500	16.10	1500	16.30	2500	16.40
	2000	*16.50	1000	16.60	4000	16.40
	3000	16.30	1000	16.20	500	16.40
	500	16.10				
S'hai Loan			500	20.00	500	19.80
	2500	19.40	2000	19.30	3500	19.50
	3000	19.60	1500	*19.50		
I. I. Trust			2500	22.50	3000	22.25
	3000	23.00	3500	23.50	6500	23.25
	500	*23.25	1500	23.00		
S'hai Securities			1500	5.75	4000	5.80
	1500	5.85	500	*5.75	3500	5.80
	3000	5.75				
S'hai Land			2000	11.90	500	11.80
	500	*11.70				
Dockyards			2300	27.50	1700	27.25
	1600	27.75	1900	28.00	400	*28.25
	100	27.75	100	27.50	1600	*28.00
	2600	27.75	2800	28.00	200	*28.25
	400	28.25	2500	*27.75	200	27.50
	100	*28.00	600	28.00	1800	27.75
	100	*27.50	100	*27.75	600	27.50
	600	27.75				
Ewo Brewery			4000	7.60	500	7.45
	2000	7.55	1500	*7.60	5000	7.65
	1500	7.70	6000	*7.70	5500	7.65
	500	*7.65	500	*7.60	300	7.60
Wheelock			2600	92.50	1000	92.00
	2300	91.00	2100	91.50	200	*91.00
	600	*90.50	800	92.50	4000	93.00
	300	*93.50	100	*93.00	500	*94.00
	2800	93.50	200	94.00	200	*93.00
	200	*92.50	2100	92.50	200	92.00
	400	*93.00	400	93.00	2600	93.50
	400	*94.00	2200	93.00	100	*93.00
	200	*92.50	100	92.50	100	92.00
	100	*92.00	400	92.50		
Ewo Mills (Ord)			700	42.00	1400	*42.00
	2000	41.75	1700	41.50	200	*41.50
	500	*41.25	1000	42.00	1200	42.25
	100	*42.75	100	42.50	200	*42.50
	1200	*42.75	2000	42.75	700	42.50
	300	43.00	300	*43.00	2900	42.50
	2400	42.25	200	42.00	200	*42.75
	100	*43.00	4200	42.75	100	*43.00
	1000	43.00	800	*42.50	1100	*42.75
	400	42.50				
Textile			11500	8.90	3000	9.00
	500	9.05	3500	9.10	1500	9.15
	500	9.20	1000	*9.15	1500	*9.10
	500	9.15	7500	9.10		
Worsted			500	5.70	1000	5.65
	500	*5.65				
Tram (Bearer)			£1	-	100	46.00
C. G. Omnibus					400	17.20
Telephone			100	33.75	600	34.00
	900	34.25				
S'hai Gas (Old)			100	*16.40	1000	16.40
	500	16.50	300	16.30		
Lumber			600	50.00	500	51.00
	500	50.50	100	*51.00	700	50.50
Metal (Old)			2500	31.00	500	*31.25
	1100	*31.00	200	*30.75	200	*31.50
	1500	31.50	2800	32.00	300	*32.00
	1300	31.75	200	*31.50	600	32.00
	300	*31.75	1300	31.75	800	31.50
	100	31.75				
Metal (New)			1800	25.75	200	25.50
	600	26.00	100	*26.00	100	*26.25
	300	26.25	1100	26.50	2200	26.75
	600	*27.00	700	27.00	1300	26.75
	1500	*27.00	100	*26.75	500	26.50
	400	26.25	200	*26.50	100	26.75
	500	*26.25	900	26.25	1200	26.50
	100	*26.50	1000	26.75		
Exploration			500	23.50	1000	*24.00
	8000	24.00	500	23.75	8500	24.25
	5000	*24.00	1500	*24.50	3500	24.50
	2000	*24.75	4000	24.25	1500	24.00
	2500	24.25	5000	24.50	6500	24.75
	1000	*24.75	4500	24.50		
Power (Pref)			10	130.75	40	130.50
	20	131.00				
Anglo Dutch			300	18.50	100	18.20
	400	18.60	800	18.70	100	*18.60
	400	18.50	500	18.40	200	*18.50
	500	18.50				
Anglo Java			200	38.50	300	38.00
	500	*37.75	200	37.75	400	37.50
	100	36.50	100	*36.50	2800	37.00
	3400	37.75	100	*38.00	2200	38.00
	1500	38.25	900	*38.25	400	37.50
	400	*37.50	2700	37.75		
Alma					500*	†50.00
Chemor			2000	2.40	1000	2.50
Cheng					1000	0.75
Kroewoek			1000	2.57½	1000	2.60
Langkat			800	26.25	200	*26.25
	100	*26.00	200	26.50	2700	26.75
	300	*26.75	300	27.00	100	*26.50
	600	26.50	400	26.25	200	*26.25
	200	26.75	1200	26.50	1000	27.00
	400	*27.00	100	*26.50	200	26.75
	1700	26.50				
Repah					1000	1.16
Rubber Trust					1500	9.30
Semambu					1000	1.24
Senawang			2000	1.44	3000	1.43
	1000	1.50				
Tanah Merah			1000	3.00	1000	*3.00
Tebong			2000	1.36	1000	*1.36
	1000	*1.38	8000	1.38	2000	1.40
Ziangbe			200	21.00	1400	22.00
	100	22.25	300	21.75		
S'hai Cotton					100	190.00
Power 5½% Debs.					10000	88.50
Telephone 6% Tael Debs.					9000	96.25
Ewo (Rights)					1912	15.00
ODD LOTS						
S. W. W. "A"			£20		5	900.00
Textile			200	9.00	355	9.05
	100	9.25				
S. W. W. Fittings					765	2.25
Ewo (Rights)					92	15.50
Ewo Mills (Ord)			25	42.50	25	42.25
Kroewoek					500	*2.60
Ewo Brewery					125	7.60
Power (Pref)					5	130.25
Chemor					500	2.37½
Telephone			50	34.50	90	34.00
Worsted			25	5.75	300	5.75
S'hai Loan			100	19.60	200	*19.60
	200	19.30	50	19.40	200	19.50
Dockyards					25	27.50

Afternoon Session

Yangtsze Finance					1000	16.40
	500	16.50	500	*16.50	7000	16.60
	1000	*16.60	1500	16.80		
S'hai Loan			1000	19.90	500	20.00
	500	20.25	500	20.50		
I. I. Trust			1000	23.00	500	*22.75
	1000	23.25	4000	23.50	500	*23.75
	2000	23.75				
S'hai Securities			500	5.75	3500	5.80
	500	*5.85				
S'hai Land			500	11.70	1500	11.80
	1000	11.90				
Dockyards			1800	27.75	800	*27.75
	400	*27.50	3000	28.00	200	*27.75
	2200	28.25	600	28.50	100	*28.75
Ewo Brewery			1000	*7.70	500	7.70
	500	7.75	4000	7.80		
Wheelock			100	*93.00	1200	93.00
	1600	*93.50	3500	93.50	900	94.00
	200	94.50	600	*94.50		
Ewo Mills (Ord)			7300	42.75	475	*42.50
	100	*42.75	1400	*43.00	3000	43.00
	500	*42.25	2900	43.25	700	*43.50
	1900	43.50	200	*43.75	1400	43.75
	300	*44.00				
Textile			500	9.10	1500	9.15
	6000	9.20				
Worsted			1500	5.70	1000	5.75
	1500	5.90				
C. G. Omnibus					200	17.10
Telephone			600	34.50	500	34.75
S'hai Gas (Old)			300	16.50	200	16.60
Lumber			200	50.50	1100	51.00
	400	51.50	100	52.00	200	*52.00
	600	*52.50	500	52.50	700	53.00
	200	*53.00	500	53.50		
Metal (Old)			500	31.75	1700	32.00
	500	*32.00				
Metal (New)			1200	26.75	100	*26.50
	200	26.50	300	*26.75	4300	27.00
	1600	*27.00				
Kaiping			300	*48.00	300	49.00
Exploration			500	24.50	1500	*24.75
	7000	24.75	8500	25.00	11000	25.25
	6000	25.50	500	*25.25	2000	*25.50
	3500	25.50				
Power (Pref)					20	131.00
Anglo Dutch			100	18.60	300	18.70
	100	18.80	200	18.90	200	19.00
Anglo Java			400	37.75	500	*38.00
	300	38.00	400	38.25	100	*38.50
	1100	38.50				
Kroewoek			4000	2.62½	1000	2.65
	1000	2.67½				
Langkat			200	26.50	1600	26.75
	1200	27.00	500	*27.25	1200	27.25
	1200	27.50				
Rubber Trust					2000	9.50
Samagaga			1000	1.60	1000	1.64
Senawang					1000	1.52
Tebong					1000	1.40
Ziangbe			300	21.75	200	*22.00
	700	22.00	500	22.50	300	22.25
	700	22.75				
S. M. C. 6% 1940					240000	*82.00

ODD LOTS

Yangtsze Finance			200	16.50
S'hai Loan	50	19.90	100	19.50
Ewo Brewery			100	7.55
Ewo Mills (Ord)	25	43.00	37	42.50
Worsted			100	5.55
Telephone			30	35.00
Omnibus			50	17.20
Textile			300	*9.05

*—Direct Business.

Germany Said Accuracy Demanded Impossible

But British Instrument Makers Succeeded

A triumph over their German rivals is announced by Britain's scientific instrument makers.

Before the war Canada invited the world to compete for a surveying aneroid required by the Dominion's Geographical Survey Department. They asked for an accuracy of 0.02 inches of mercury. The Germans said it was impossible. They flatly refused to try.

Research Successful

Britain decided to tackle the job. Two years' special research have been put in on it and now the makers are able to disclose the fact that they have done ten times better than they were asked to do. They have achieved not the 0.02 inches of accuracy but 0.002, or one-tenth of the error allowed by the specification.

"We lost heavily on it, said a member of the firm, but the research we did has been of immense value."

Britain's Supremacy

Today Britain's supremacy in making scientific instruments is shown by the world demand for them. Among her war time customers are Argentina, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa.

The latest figures are eloquent of Britain's new supremacy. Before the war she was exporting about one-third the quantity of scientific instruments sold by her German rivals. During the first nine months of the present year she sent overseas more than £900,000 worth, an actual increase of almost £100,000 over the first nine months of 1939.

Singapore Weekly Rubber Report

Singapore, Feb. 6.

The local market remains dull, buyers being reluctant to operate on account of the freight position. London also has eased a little on freer offerings and absence of demand, while New York has been steady with a certain amount of consumer buying.

Freight rates to New York and Pacific Ports are to be increased by 25 per cent. as from March 1.

Latest quotations to hand are as follows:—

Spot 36⅛ cents., down ¾ ct.
London 12 7/16d. down ⅛d.
New York 19¾ U.S.A. cent., unc.

Malayan shipments during January amounted to 64,638 tons, as against 69,565 tons for the previous month and 56,214 tons in January last year.

Imports of rubber into Malaya during last month amounted to 26,985 tons, as against 13,541 tons in December and 30,141 tons in January last year.

At the auctions held yesterday, there was a good demand for all grades. Of 928 tons catalogued, 853 tons were offered and 626 tons sold.

The following is the course of values:—

	In Singapore per lb.
Ribbed Smoked Sheet:	
Standard Quality	36⅛—36¼
Good Average Quality	35½—36
Fair Average Quality	34½—35⅜
Off Quality	33 —34¼
Sheet Cuttings	31⅜—32¾
Crepe:	
Fine Quality Pale	No Sales.
Standard and Slightly Inferior	34½—35⅞
Off Colour Latex	32⅜—33½
Light Brown and Brown (Clean)	32½—33½
Milling Grades:	
Cupwashings and Skimmings	32 —32¾
Tree Scrap	20 —29⅝
Brown and Dark Crepe	25⅜—32⅜
Bark Crepe (Earth Rubber)	24⅞—25⅜
Virgin Lump	20 —29⅛

New York Weekly Market Report

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Fear that Washington is veering towards a state of socialism more rapidly than does England, possible entrance of the United States into war, the impossibility of superimposing defence production upon normal economy under priorities and price controls hang over the market.

"Trader" says that England has long since adjusted itself to such conditions, and volatile America can do the same.

A temporary selling climax may have been reached when the market on Wednesday failed to break the lows of the Dow-Jones averages.

Stocks are not in a selling range, and it is only a question of time when latent buying power asserts itself, especially as would be the case if dramatic bad news or general unsettlement broke.

Deferment of off-market sales of Inland Steel and Woolworth and the postponed Republic Steel and Standard Oil of Ohio financing plans reflect the current lack of investment appetite.

Philippines to Meet Sugar Quota

Washington, Feb. 24.

Sr. Joaquin Elizalde, Philippines Resident Commissioner here, has been assuring Congressmen the Philippines would fill its sugar quota this year despite the shipping outlook, it was learned yesterday.

Some observers have felt increased shipping rates and lack of sufficient vessels would prevent the Philippines from meeting its sugar quota this year.

Sr. Elizalde told the "United Press" there was little danger of a deficit in the Philippines sugar quota. He pointed out that Philippines sugar shippers would naturally seek the lowest priced shipping space possible, which might delay shipments for a time.

However, the shippers would certainly send their sugar to the United States market at whatever price it was, even if it meant absorbing a financial loss, he said.

Sr. Elizalde was expected to testify before the House and Senate Agriculture Committees if sugar bills affecting the Philippines quota were introduced.—United Press.

Italian War Difficulties Explained by Mussolini

Il Duce Asserts British Arrival at Benghazi Forestalled "Careful Preparations" by Few Days

Rome, Feb. 24.

DIFFICULTIES of the fight in which Italy was engaged "not only in the Mediterranean but, above all, on widely separated fronts of the war against British world power," were explained by Signor Mussolini yesterday in a speech here addresssed to the "Italian people and the world."

Il Duce expressed his complete conviction that the struggle would come to a "victorious conclusion," declaring that it was the will of Fascist Italy.

The speech was made at a meeting of the Fascio di Combattimenti del Urbe. Mussolini's arrival was heralded by silver trumpets of a Fascist Youth company. The speech was broadcast, and loud-speakers were installed in the streets. The end of the speech was punctuated by tremendous cheers, and the conclusion was followed by prolonged applause and then the Fascist anthem.

"Silence Dear to Me"

Signor Mussolini began by stating that he had come to break a silence which was "dear to him, especially in time of war."

Italy, he said, had been at war not eight months but six years, namely since January 3, 1935.

Alluding to General Francisco Franco's appeal at the time of the Spanish civil war, Il Duce asserted: "We could not turn a deaf ear. It was our duty to go to his help."

He preceeded to say: "Really we have been at war since Octoeer 28, 1922, when we rose against the plutocratic, mascnic and capitalist world. In September 1939, we were on the eve of war. We could not wait to be entirely ready, for history seized us by the throat. Italy immobilized immense enemy forces, and so assisted the Germans to win their brilliant victories. After France, there remained enemy No. 1, against whom we shall fight to the last drop of our blood."

Italy had always had to engage in distant, difficult wars, declared Mussolini.

"Forestalled by Few Days"

Referring to Libya as "a most important strategic point," he stated that between October 1, 1937, and January 31, 1941, more than 14,000 officers and 356,000 men, comprising two armies, the Fifth and Tenth, were sent to Libya, also 1,900 guns of all calibres and the most recent type, more than 15,300 machine-guns, 11,000,000 artillery shells, more than 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition for automatic weapons, 24,000 tons of clothing and 759 armoured cars.

"The figures show that careful preparations were made. Soldiers who are fighting in the Empire without hope of reinforcements are those who are furthest awey but nearest our hearts." The battle which started on December 9 and brought the enemy to Benghazi "forestalled us by a few days."

Mussolini added: "We do not lie like the hypocritical British. We resisted strongly, sometimes furiously. We shall always tell the truth; we shall repudiate every falsehood. Events of the past months have only sharpened our hatred."

"Glory" of Albania

Referring to Greece as the "last British rampart in the Balkans," Il Duce said Greece would not renounce her British guarantee. It was necessary to face up to her, on this point there was absolute agreement in all responsible military quarters.

Mussolini described Italian soldiers in Albania as "superb and writing pages of legendary glory." He declared that Greek losses were very high, and said spring would come soon and, with it, the Italians' turn.

He stated that British losses were also heavy, and ridiculed the statement that the British lost only 2,000 men.

"Since Taranto," the Italian leader proceeded, "the course of the war has been unfavourable to us, but our strength of recovery is tremendous. It is the last battle which counts. An Axis victory is absolutely sure. Britain cannot win. Whatever happens, Italy will march with Germany to the end."

Comradeship, Cordiality"

Mussolini declared that collaboration between the German and Italian armies was based on comradeship and cordiality. "The Germans know that Italy is supporting the weight of 2,000,000 soldiers and enormous air forces and artillery. The attitude of German soldiers in Sicily and Libya is absolutely perfect, worthy of a great army and a great people."

The war strength of Germany had not diminished but increased, Il Duce said. Her losses in men and material had been very small.

"The command is in the strong hands of the Fuehrer;

"German armaments are infinitely superior to those of Britain;

"Almost the whole of eastern Europe is against Britain;

"Unlike the war of 1914-18, the British blockade is valueless;

"The morale of the Axis peoples is superior to that of the British.... The Axis is fighting for victory. Britain is fighting for survival. It is foolish to talk of separate peace. It is impossible to weaken the morale of the Italian people despite the bombing of towns;

"Britain is alone and is calling for urgent help from America, but this help must arrive in such quantity that it surpasses German strength;

"When Britain is conquered, the war will be finished;

"Italy is playing a major role. Her armaments are increasing daily, thanks to the sacrifices of workers;

"Italy is proud of having dared to try her strength against Great Britain. Peoples become great when they have the courage to take risks;

"To conquer the Axis British armies must invade the Continent—a step which no Briton would ever dream of."

Mussolini declared that "the intervention of the United States is founded on the illusion of being a Democracy, and also on lies of an attack by the Axis on America. The idea of an invasion of America is fantastic and ridiculous."

He concluded by declaring that the Fascist Italian people deserved victory and would have it, for they were bearing with exemplary dignity the sacrifices asked of them. "Italy's will be victory and peace with justice."—Reuter.

Il Duce's Threats Sound Hollow

New York Press Comments On Mussolini's Speech: Many Deceptions

New York, Feb. 24.

Premier Benito Mussolini's verbal threats "seem almost pathetically hollow once the going begins to get rough," the New York "Herald Tribune" said today in commenting on the Italian dictator's speech made yesterday.

"The bellowing voice, flashing eyes, jutting chin and frenzied phrases of the standard dictatorial pep-talk, under which the awe-struck world had trembled now for years, suddenly seem almost pathetically hollow once the going begins to get rough," it said.—United Press.

Repeats Deceptions

New York, Feb. 24.

"The speech repeated many deceptions which events tend constantly to make transparent even to the Italians at home," says the New York "Times," commenting on the Duce's speech.

"It is plain that it is Germany that must save the Mediterranean situation if it is to be saved, but Mussolini knows, as on Sunday he confessed, that whatever the outcome, it will be a hard fight and probably a long one."—Reuter.

Speech Regarded as Defensive

London, Feb. 24.

While official London comment on Mussolini's speech was unavailable, the defensive character of the speech was regarded as noteworthy in authoritative quarters.

The statement that Italy had been at war since 1935 or 1922 was, it was pointed out, clearly designed to counter criticisms against Il Duce and Fascist leaders that they led the country needlessly into war in June, 1940.

It was noted that Mussolini was now trying to justify the Greek war as an unfortunate necessity, indicating his disquiet over the defeats caused to Italy by the Greeks and current reports of a division of opinion between the Fascist Party and the army.—Reuter.

Japanese Residents' Corpn. Election

Two-day Polling for 25 Elective Members

Returns of the two-day election for 25 elective members of the Japanese Residents' Corporation were announced on Sunday night with 14 Assembly seats going to candidates who stood for election for the first time, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported yesterday morning.

When the voting was closed at 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, 9,887 votes were cast during Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Teizo Matsunaga, polling the most ballots. He amassed 638 votes. Thirty per cent. of the electorate failed to vote.

Although new candidates won 14 out of 25 seats on the Assembly, those who represent large cotton mill interests and government-subsidized companies retained their dominant position in the Assembly, their members outnumbering those who represent local Japanese interests, according to the "Tairiku Shimpo." Among the 25 Assembly members newly elected, eight represent government-subsidized companies and six cotton mill owners, the paper added.

Banks Ordered to Take New Regime Notes

Bigger Institutions Will Not Agree

The Ministry of Finance of the new Nanking régime has ordered all Chinese banks in Shanghai to use the notes issued by the newly established Central Reserve Bank of the new régime and if the banks refuse to do so, or if they do other things which are detrimental to the new notes, they will be charged with disturbing the money market and accordingly punished without exoneration.

The order is published by the new régime's organ, "Central China Daily News" and confirmed by reliable Chinese sources connected with the banks, which are taking orders from Chungking and which are therefore circulating only the notes issued by institutions affiliated with Chungking. The same sources state that the order will be ignored.

It is stated that the new régime can do nothing against the banks if the latter refuse to carry out the order, unless it has taken over the Chinese courts in the Settlement. Once the courts are under its control, the new régime may then prosecute the recalcitrant bank managers.

The new notes are not accepted by shops or banks in the Settlement but in the French Concession here, where the courts are already under Nanking's control, there have been cases in which the new notes have been used. Even in the Concession, however, the circulation of the new notes is not universal at all, although the latest order from Nanking states that the new notes may be used for all purposes whenever money is needed.

Control of China Tea Production Planned

Chungking, Feb. 24.

Complete control of China's tea production is being planned by the China Tea Co. at present.

According to figures published by the China Tea Co., China's production of tea leaves amounts to some 900,000,000 tons annually, part of which is earmarked for export and is under the company's control.

The control system will now be extended to the remainder, which is used for domestic consumption. Meanwhile, in order to increase the production of tea in China, the company plans to grant loans to tea-growers. It is emphasized here that the application of the control system is but a temporary measure, and that the free trade system will be restored at the right moment in order to encourage competition.—Havas.

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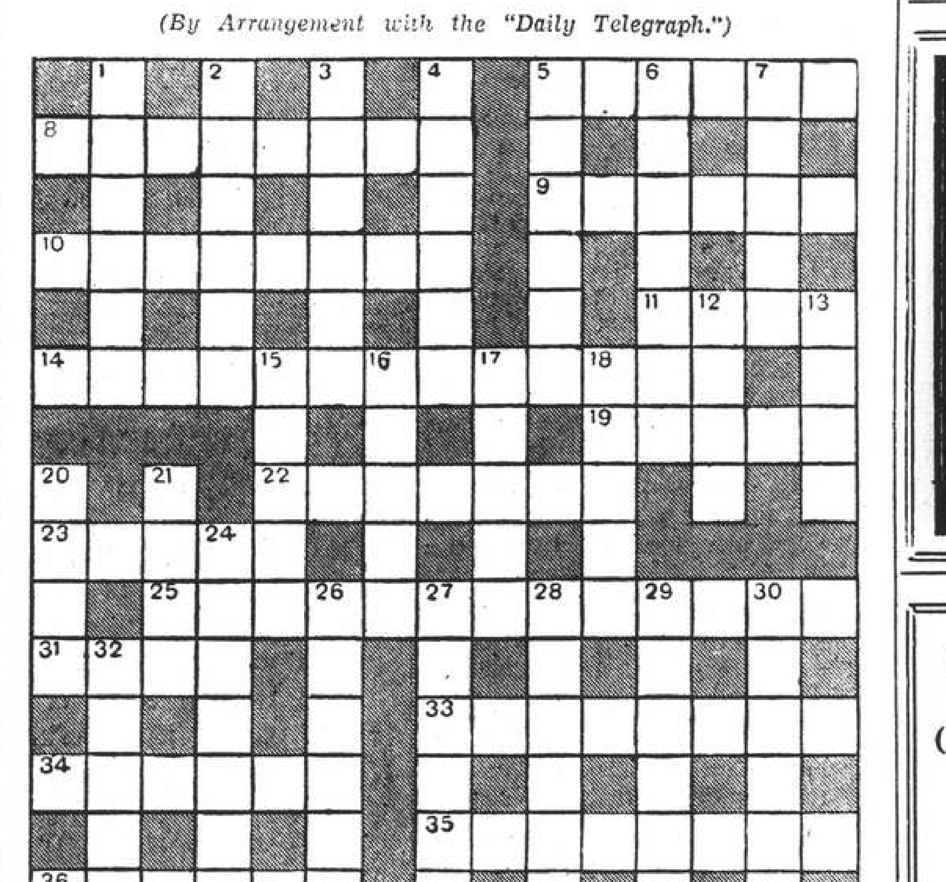

ACROSS

5 Not a difficult remedy (6)
8 Semi-conscious (8)
9 Two lads at a standstill (6)
10 Does not describe the artiste's accommodation at a Palace of Varieties (8)
11 Figures in Garbo's histrionics (4)
14 Level prohibition for gymnastics (two words—10, 3)
19 The perfect roof-spotter from the classics? (5)
22 This bird isn't sweet when it loses its tail (7)
23 Not an obscure form of Cambridge College (5)
25 Sensible amount to get from one A.B.'s rum sale (two words—10, 3)
31 After a dot it's comparatively silly (4)
33 Arctic so arranged as puzzle (8)
34 Pale lad in demand (6)
35 Did an errand boy's job? (8)
36 Time to get going after the rest? (6)

DOWN

1 Can put up in low surroundings on the Riviera (6)
2 Go on it to shoot lions (6)
3 For amusement or disguise (6)
4 Not one of the big shots (6)
5 Some whales? (6)
6 District of India with centre for chemists (7)
7 Something hard up for Scottish lists (5)
12 Too much of a good thing! (4)
13 An entertaining crowd (4)
15 It goes about in bands (5)
16 Hardly like that! (two words—3, 2)
17 A period up to fight in (5)
18 Commonplace reversal of article in part of 6 down (5)
20 Bunny's end (4)
21 Simple association of self and soldiers (4)
24 "Dear tea" (anag.) (7)
26 This sort of cricket ball would hardly do in tests, not even in throw (6)
27 Let any put in good order (6)
28 Epithet for golf story about some hole or other? (6)
29 Lent first afterwards this (6)
30 Were it reversed all would be resolved (6)
32 One of the U.S. (5)

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City in Grip of Labour Dispute

Goat Hair Shop Strikers Create Disturbance; New Concerns Affected

Stricken by labour disputes, Shanghai, it seems, just cannot get out of their grip, for no sooner is one settled than another flares up. It was learned yesterday that employees of the United Chemical Industries, with a factory in Penang Road, would return to work this morning. Another dispute still to be settled was that of Chinese leather workers, who had been on strike for some time following the refusal of their employers to increase their earnings.

The new concerns affected included the Vienna Knitting Factory "Modelia" at 475-491 Jansen Road where 125 employees went on strike following the management's refusal to grant their demands. Another labour dispute affected Chinese fur dealers, whose employees were offered a 100 per cent. increase on their wages. The workers refused to accept this, claiming that it was not sufficient. When a leader of the strikers was arrested by the police, the discontented workers broke into 51-7 Tientsin Road and smashed up the furniture. A small spinning and weaving factory in Wetmore Road was yet another scene of a labour dispute.

Trouble flared up in the West Hongkew district yesterday morning at 7.30 o'clock when a number of workers of a goat hair shop, who had walked out, entered 11 Ziang Shing Li, off Elgin Road, and 31 Ching Zang Li, off Cunningham Road, created a disturbance and damaged the furniture. The shop is manufacturing Chinese pens.

Chinese reports stated yesterday that the entire body of employees of the Ford Hire, Johnson, Taylor and Silver Garages held a meeting on Sunday to discuss the labour dispute between the management of the Taylor Garage and its employees.

It was decided to submit the drivers' final demands to the management of the Taylor Garage yesterday morning, with a request for an answer by Thursday.

According to Chinese reports, the employees of the Taylor Garage have submitted three demands to the management. These include an increase of fifteen per cent. in wages and an allowance of eighteen dollars. They also asked that they contribute five per cent. as superannuation and that a corresponding amount be contributed by the management.

Future Indian Admirals In Training

Bombay, Feb. 24.

Four hundred and sixty-eight Indian boys are training for the Indian Navy near Karachi under 100 officers and instructors.

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Reuter's special correspondent, after a visit today to the training ship, was struck by the discipline, efficiency and eagerness of the boys to acquit themselves creditably when drafted into the Indian Navy.—Reuter.

Matsuoka Entertains Two Ambassadors

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Foreign Minister, was luncheon host today to Baron Shu Tomii, Japanese Ambassador to Argentina, and Dr. Rodolfo Moreno, Argentine Ambassador to Japan.

Both Baron Shu Tomii and Dr. Moreno recently stepped up from Ministerships to Ambassadorships when their respective Legations were raised to the status of Embassies.

Other guests at the luncheon included Japanese political, financial and cultural leaders.—United Press.

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive today are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From MANILA & HONGKONG: Pres. Coolidge, with mail, due 1.30 p.m., Buoys 11-12. Passengers expected at the Customs Jetty about 2.30 p.m.

From NEW YORK: Dona Aurora, with mail, due 12 noon, Holt's Wharf, Pootung.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From New York		From Honolulu	
Vincent	— 1/3	K'kura M	18/2 10/3
Kinai M	— 4/3	**From Manila**	
P Grant	— 18/3	Tatuta M	22/2 27/2
P Jackson	— 20/3	**From Yokohama**	
Hokkai M	— 23/3	Nitta M	12/2 3/3
From Los Angeles		**From Kobe**	
Nitta M	24/1 3/3	Taiyo M	24/2 26/2
Ningpo	— 7/3	**From Nagasaki**	
K'kura M	10/2 10/3	S'hai M	24/2 26/2
Yawata M	— 24/3		
From Seattle			
Satartia	15/2 9/3		
C'brook	20/2 14/3		

CHINA PORTS

From Dairen	
T'tao M	24/2 26/2

SHIPPING NEWS

The ss. **Shanghai Maru**, of the T.K.K., running between Shanghai and Nagasaki, is due to arrive in harbour tomorrow afternoon at about 3 o'clock, when she will berth alongside the company's Wayside Wharf. The liner is expected to stay here overnight only, sailing on her return voyage to Japan on the next day at 8.30 a.m.

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The ss. **Dairen Maru**, express liner of the D.K.K., operating on the Shanghai-Tsingtao-Dairen run, is due to sail again for the northern ports this morning at 9 o'clock, after a 36 hour stay in port. The liner, which carries mail and passengers, is berthed alongside the company's Whangpoo Wharf. Ordinary letter mail for the ship will be closed at the Post Office at 7.15 this morning.

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The ss. **Kobe Maru**, shuttle steamer of the Toa Kaiun Kaisya, arrived in harbour yesterday afternoon at 1.30 tying up alongside the company's Wayside Wharf. The liner, which carries mail and passengers, is scheduled to sail on her return trip to Nagasaki direct this morning at 8.30. Outgoing passengers for the ship should embark from the wharf direct at least half an hour before sailing time.

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The ss. **President Coolidge**, luxury liner of the American President Lines fleet, is expected to enter port this afternoon at about 1.30, when she will tie up at the lower buoys 11 and 12. Passengers will be brought ashore by a tender, the Merry Moller, which will arrive at the Customs Jetty at about 2.30 p.m. The liner, which comes here from Hongkong and Manila, will remain here for some 22 hours, continuing on her eastbound trip to Los Angeles tomorrow morning at 11.30. The last tender for outgoing passengers will leave the Customs Jetty at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Registered and ordinary mail for the ship will be closed at the Post Office at 6 and 8 o'clock tonight, respectively. En route to Los Angeles the liner will call at Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco.

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P Jackson	20/3	Ningpo	9/3
For New York		Satartia	12/3
Dona Aurora	28/2	Dona Nati	17/3
Kinai M	9/3	P Grant	19/3
Ningpo	9/3	**For Yokohama**	
Dona Nati	17/3	Matue M	27/2
P Grant	19/3	Tatuta M	28/2
P Jackson	20/3	**For Kobe**	
For Los Angeles		Melbourne M	27/2
P Coolidge	26/2	Taiyo M	29/2
Dona Aurora	28/2	**For Nagasaki**	
Tatuta M	28/2	Kobe M	25/2
P. Pierce	8/3	Shanghai M	27/2
Kinai M	9/3	Nagasaki M	28/2
Ningpo	9/3	**For Dairen**	
Dona Nati	17/3	Dairen M	25/2
P Grant	19/3	Tsingtao M	28/2
For Seattle		Hoten M	3/3
Satartia	12/3		
Coldbrook	18/3		
For Manila			
Dona Aurora	28/2		
Ningpo	9/3		
Satartia	12/3		
Dona Nati	17/3		
Coldbrook	18/3		
P Grant	19/3		

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Nitto M.	Keelung	T.K.K.
Antai	Hsinkong	Chung Hua
Matumoto M.	Singapore	N.Y.K.
Tenryugawa M.	Tsingtao	Showa S
Hsinyuan	Hsinkong	Tung Hai
Kobe M.	Japan	T.K.K.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Shinko M.	Jap.	Showa S.
Taga M.	Jap.	D.K.K.K
Needwood	Pana.	T.K.K.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	B.N.B
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	K.S.D
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ss. DAIREN MARU ..	Mar. 3	Mar. 5	at 9 a.m.

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ms. CAPE ALAVA	Mar. 10	Mar. 26/28	Mar. 31	Apr. 3
ss. CAPILLO	Mar.10	Apr. 4/7	Apr. 10	Apr. 15

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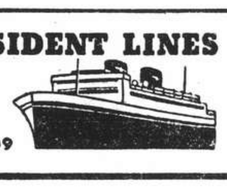

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	At Cathedral	At Siccawei
Temperature yesterday	min. 38.5 max. 46.0	min. 38.5 max. 49.3
„ same date last year	min. 41.0 max. 63.0	min. 39.9 max. 66.0

Rainfall: .22

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SHANGHAI, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1941 (30th day of 1st moon)

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TO-DAY'S EVENT

FEBRUARY

25 Shrove Tuesday

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

27 For. Y. Debate-"Men vs Women Secretaries" 9 p.m.
27 Royal Society of St. George. Annual Meeting
27 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg S.I.B.C. 3 p.m
27 Rus. L. Op. 'The Ball in Savoy' Lyc. 8.45
28 Rover Scout Concert, Lyceum, 9
28 Special Soiree, in aid of St. Tichon's Orphanage, French Club 9.30 p.m.

MARCH

1 St. David's Society Dinner, Masonic Hall, 8. p.m.
1 Rover Scout Concert, Lyceum, 3
1 Rus. L. Op. 'The Ball in Savoy' Lyc. 8.45
2 S'hai Municipal Orchestra Lyc 5.15
2 Christian Science B'cast. XMHA, 6.30
2 Rus. L. Op. 'The Ball in Savoy' Lyc. 8.45
3 Engineering Society Meeting 5.45 p.m.
4 British United Services Association Monthly tiffin at 'The Dome' 12.30 p.m.
5 Shanghai Amateur Concert Band, Lyceum Theatre 9.15 p.m. Band concert in aid of Shanghai Refugees' Children Relief Society
6 Ballet Russe and Municipal Orchestra in Glazunov's "Seasons". Symphonic ballet and "Stenka Razin" historical pantomime Lyceum Theatre 9.15
7 British United Services Association Annual General Meeting at 'The Dome' at 5.30 p.m.
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TRADE DIRECTORY.—Shanghai firms under their professional or trade headings. A list of apartment houses is a valuable feature of this section.

MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS.—An alphabetical list of mercantile marine officers.

SHANGHAI WHO'S WHO.—An alphabetical list of business men and women of Shanghai, with their office addresses.

STREET DIRECTORY.—The streets of Shanghai in English and Chinese, with the occupants of all foreign and many Chinese houses, offices, and stores.

DIPLOMATS AND CONSULS—of all nationalities and their stations.

RESIDENTIAL DIRECTORY.—The foreign residents of Shanghai, and many Chinese, listed alphabetically, with their private addresses.

HONG LISTS.—The principal cities and ports, from Harbin to Canton, with foreign firms, institutions and their staffs.

OUTPORT WHO'S WHO.—An alphabetical list of foreign residents in the above cities and ports.

MISSIONS.—Classfied alphabetically by provinces. Under the names of the provinces are given the towns where missions are established, with resident missionaries' list. This is divided into two sections: (1) Protestants; (2) Roman Catholics.

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Meteorological Reports	Feb. 23 16.00	Feb. 23 21.00	Feb. 24 4.00	Feb. 24 9.00
Barometer (inches)	30.17	30.22	30.20	30.26
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.18	—0.12	—0.02	+0.01
at 32 F. („ „ 12 hrs.)	—0.05	—0.03	+0.03	+0.04
Wind (direction)	NE	NE/N	N/E	NNE
„ (miles per hour)	16.8	16.8	9.3	11.8
Temperature (Fahr.)	41.7°	39.2°	40.1°	41.5°
Humidity (per cent.)	89	60	91	80
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	10	10
Rainfall (inches)	0.02	0.11	0.11	—

Siccawei Abridged Report Feb. 23	Mean 1941	24 hrs. variation	68 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.22	—0.14	30.21
Temp. min. 37.4° Max. 46.2°	41.8°	—3.0°	42.1°
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	6.56	0.24	3.85

Time and Tide	25/2	26/2	27/2	28/2	1/3	2/3	3/3
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.26	6.25	6.24	6.23	6.22	6.21	6.20
Sun sets at Shanghai	17.49	17.49	17.50	17.51	17.52	17.52	17.53
Moon rises at Shanghai	5.38	6.14	6.49	7.24	7.57	8.31	9.07
Moon sets at Shanghai	17.07	18.03	18.56	19.50	20.43	21.35	22.27
Flood makes Shai. (day)	10.00	10.40	11.18	11.44	12.12	12.27	12.51
Ebb makes Shai. (day)	15.30	16.02	16.35	17.00	17.22	17.45	6.03
H.W. W'sung Bar (day)	12.08	12.45	13.10	13.35	14.07	14.35	14.55
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	8.23	8.50	9.50	10.00	9.30	9.77	9.00

THE WEATHER

(See top of page, left)

State on the morning of the 23rd:—Pressure high and falling over China: rising over Japan. North-easterly winds over our regions and the China Coast. Overcast and rainy weather.

State on the morning of the 24th:—Overcast and cold weather. North easterly wind. Normal and steady pressure.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Nantung	18.30	19.00
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Nantung	18.30	19.00
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	19.30	20.00
THURSDAY, February 27.		
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CHINESE young lady wishes meet foreigner speaking Chinese preferably. View companionship/matrimony. Box 1492, NCDN. -2871

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FOREIGNER, living Tsingtao, 49, 1.72 m., healthy, reliable character, broad-minded, lonely, wishes acquaintance of attractive lady, about 30, of good family. View, companionship. Passport photo appreciated, returned immediately. Reply about two weeks. Box 1469, NCDN. -2826

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BACHELOR requires boy for one-roomed apartment, willing to clean, wash and cook. Box 1482, NCDN. -2621

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ON account of transfer, excellent cook-boy and boy available early March. Also baby-amah and coolie, if required. Address Box 1457, NCDN. 11011

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LADY gives general massage, manicure 10-7 p.m. 205 Peking Road. Apartment 30. Second Floor. -1501

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BEAUTIFUL Canadian silver-fox cape, for sale. Sacrifice price $600. 216 Hamilton House. -2527

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SHIRTS made to measure, guaranteed English materials, semi-stiff collars, latest designs from $19.50. Razon's, 12 Central Road. 10759

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CRYSTALWARE, porcelain, Meissen, K.P.M. Rosenthal, Hutschenreuther best European brands, in large variety, at really reasonable prices. General Magazine, 337 Avenue Haig. -2678

AMERICAN gas cooking stove and automatic combined hot water heater and storage tank. Telephone 50708 during office hours except Saturday, or inquire at office of Shanghai Language School, 153 Nanking Road. -2677

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WILL finder please return Customs Pass No. 54, which was lost about two months ago in the S.M.C. Health Department Office on Hankow Road, to 128 Museum Road, Room 721. 11093

LOST. Warehouse Warrant No. C0004065, issued by the National Commercial Bank, North Soochow Road Warehouse, Shanghai, in the name of Ting Yuen & Co., for 249 bales of maize, has been lost. The public is hereby warned against accepting same, as it shall become null and void upon discovery. Ting Yuen & Co. (鼎源號). -2819

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